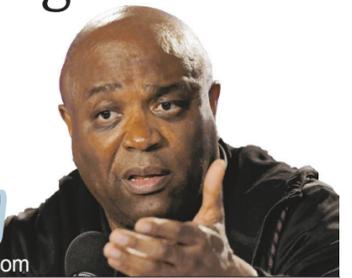


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Hospice merger is possible

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast could soon merge with the larger Tavares-based Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care Inc. Cornerstone President and CEO Chuck Lee said he could not discuss the issue because both nonprofits signed

nondisclosure agreements forbidding either from revealing any talks. Lee did say Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast had asked Cornerstone for help on some issues, but added he could not elaborate. "We've had a variety of conversations with them, but we don't yet have any kind of definitive agreement with them," Lee said.

"I can say we don't have any agreement to merge or buy Nature Coast," he said, but added that Hospice of Citrus has had problems and challenges. In 2015, federal regulators hit Hospice of Citrus with fines totaling \$3.5 million for failing to properly document patient services for which Medicare was billed. As a result, the business sold off properties and between

2015-2016 cut 54 employees, half in Citrus County. Hospice of Citrus opened its doors in 1986 and now has locations in Inverness, Homosassa and Lecanto. The business also provides hospice services in Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam, Suwannee and Union counties, according to its website.

Cornerstone began operations in 1985, originally as Lake Hospice, offering hospice care in Lake County. Six years later, Cornerstone built Tavares House with six patient beds. By 2010, the organization was renamed Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care and now operates out of seven facilities: two

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The Sunshine State's PSYCHO TOUR GUIDE



Author's books cut unusual swath through Florida — including Homosassa

MIKE WRIGHT
Staff writer

Tim Dorsey has changed my life. And I'm not alone.

Check out the author's website — timdorsey.com — and it's loaded with family vacation-style photos of fans attending library book-signing events across Florida, laughing and waving at the camera like Grandma would do down at the beach. Other photos are of people who have tattooed themselves with favorite sayings of Dorsey's favorite character, the charming and homi-

cidal Serge A. Storms. Dorsey, a former Tampa Tribune reporter who lives in Tampa, has a diverse and extremely loyal fan base that has built steadily over two decades of books. As soon as Dorsey churns out a novel, it's gobbled up. "Me and my fans have found each other," he said during a phone interview. His latest, "The Pope of Palm Beach," is Dorsey's 21st. He's a

New York Times best-selling author: And on Saturday, he'll be in Homosassa as grand marshal of the Shrimpa Palooza festival parade, which starts at 10 a.m. at the Old Mill Tavern and heads south on West Yulee Drive to South Cherokee Way.

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Bass, bicycles on tap this weekend City of Inverness to play host to two big outdoors events

FRED HIERS
Staff writer

Inverness will not be a quiet city this weekend. Inverness and its surrounding area will be home to the annual Sunshine Grand Prix — a series of cycling events that will attract an estimated 200 professional and amateur cyclists from across Florida and southeast United States.

The city will also host another installment of the Big Bass Classic, a popular bass tournament on Big Lake Henderson and adjoining lakes. Both events are hosted by the city of Inverness and both are offering several thousand dollars in prize money. For Inverness, a series of cycling events will culminate in the Inverness Downtown Criterium, a 0.74-mile-long track with

cyclists racing between 30 and 70 minutes, based on the level of their national cycling standings. The more accomplished a cyclist is, the longer their race around the route. The race will be shown on a 16-foot-wide screen downtown with a live video feed. A criterium is a bicycle race held within one day and on a circuit road course.

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Ignominious end for Austin bomber

JIM VERTUNO AND
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Mark Conditt

PFLUGERVILLE, Texas — As a SWAT team closed in, the suspected bomber whose deadly explosives terrorized Austin for three weeks used one of his own devices to blow himself up. But police warned that he could have planted more bombs before his death, and they cautioned the city to stay on guard.

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Lee Cooper, who lives in Crystal River and has read all of Dorsey's books, will act as chaperone to the author this weekend.

Cooper said he jumped at the chance when Mary Beth Nayfield, who arranged for Dorsey's participation as part of the Rotary Club of Homosassa, which sponsors the festival, was called out of town.

"No one in Rotary knew who ... he was," Cooper said.

That's the thing with Dorsey. Either you know him or you don't. And those who do, well, they're fans for life.

"He's an acquired taste, but very wild and crazy," said Eric Head, the mild-mannered director of the Citrus County Library System who suggested eight months ago I give Dorsey a try. "It's not what you expect. Pick one up and give it a try. You'll know right away."



The bio: Dorsey, 57, was born in Indiana but his family moved to Riviera Beach, an hour north of Miami, when he was 1. He attended Auburn University, and worked at Alabama newspapers until hired by the Tribune in 1987. (Side note: That's the same year I came to the Chronicle, but I also applied at the Tribune. Dorsey probably got the job ahead of me and I landed at the Chronicle. It's worked out well for us both.) He wrote general assignment, covered politics and was night metro editor before leaving in 1999 to write full time.

His books follow adventures of the mentally bent genius Serge A. Storms and his sidekick, the alcoholic and drug-addled Coleman.

Actually, Dorsey killed off Coleman in the first book, "Florida Roadkill," only to have him appear later when fans begged him to, telling Dorsey "you can figure something out" to explain his return.

Dorsey said he gets asked a lot about how all that happened. He has a simple explanation.

"Basically I didn't know what I was doing," he said. "I wrote the first book not thinking it would be published."

As for 20 more books and a legion of die-hard fans, Dorsey said that was never the plan.

"I was dreaming and hoping and praying just to get one book published," he says. "My dream was one book with my name on the cover. Even that I thought would be a long shot. This whole thing just took off."

To the uninformed, a quick Serge description: He's a coffee-sucking Floridian who appreciates the old of Florida, not the new. He is a psychotic murderer, killing vermin who deserve it — scam artists, bullies, animal abusers and over-the-top violators of Florida's environment.

Serge's approach to killing is never easy, though it is to him. Think science projects for students attending a school for the criminally insane. A 20-minute stop at Home Depot gives Serge all the ingredients he needs.

Dorsey doesn't try to justify Serge's behavior. He is what he is.

"I basically try to make his methods unusual," he says. "I have him be old school and get upset with the predators who don't obey the old rules. You don't mess with the weak or the old."

His methods are extreme and usually involve long, slow, drawn-out events where the future deceased can figure out what's going to happen before it does — and he has a long time to think about it.

"He does go too far. He's insane," Dorsey acknowledges.

One particular killing enraged a reader.

"I had somebody send me an email angry about it, saying the guy didn't deserve it," Dorsey said. "I thought, if you're going to have that kind of threshold, how did you get through 10 books and everything was right on?"

Dorsey said it's easy to find Serge victims — the author plucks them from news pages across the state and then finds the right scenario to drop them into his books.

"It's just a matter of waiting. When I thought humankind wouldn't get any lower, it does," he said.

Cooper, the Crystal River

resident, said longtime Floridians such as himself — the 71-year-old has lived in Florida since he was 4 — can identify with the people who cross Serge's path.

"The characters he has in his books — we know these people," Cooper said. "We've run into these sons of bitches."



Serge's antics alone wouldn't place Dorsey where he is. Slash-and-burn fiction characters are not unusual. And Serge's methods, while entertaining, aren't enough, either.

What sets Dorsey apart is he has all that and an extraordinary knowledge of all things Florida.

"You could structure a Florida history course around his novels," Cooper said.

Dorsey — through Serge — not only has the state's history nailed down, his character's visits through dozens of Florida communities has their histories and lore pinpointed as well.

One example: I didn't know Tom Petty as a lad met Elvis Presley while the King was filming "Follow that Dream" in Citrus and Levy counties until I read about it in Dorsey's book.

In another, Serge and his sidekick enjoy a meal at Neon Leon's, the former restaurant owned by a family member of late Lynyrd Skynyrd bassist Leon Wilkeson, on Yulee Drive in Old Homosassa.

Dorsey said someone told him about Neon Leon's and he had to check it out.

"There's gold records on the wall, this hard-rock collection," he recalls. "You don't expect to find that on the backroads."

While some of Dorsey's settings are the underbellies of Miami, Orlando and Tampa, places like Homosassa, Crystal River and Inverness also pop up.

And that brings us to Lu, the hippo at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park. In "Coconut Cowboy," Dorsey describes in accurate detail why Lu lives in Homosassa Springs and not elsewhere (short answer: the community

demanding it and Gov. Lawton Chiles made Lu an honorary native of Florida).

Serge, during one of the "lessons" he teaches to someone who refuses to follow society's rules, has an encounter with Lu.

If you want to know more, read the book. I have — twice.



Dorsey started writing full-time in 1999 and he just released his 21st book.

And, he said, he just gave his editor the 22nd book for review. Now he's working on No. 23.

Dorsey said he participates in 100 events a year. He's especially fond of libraries, and patrons are especially fond of him.

"He's been amazing at libraries," Head, the Citrus library director, said. "He just comes in and does shows, puts on a good presentation. He's got an interesting following — a very eclectic following. We always get a good turnout for him."

Unlike Serge, Dorsey has a home life. He is married with two college-age children.

"She likes a nice, normal vacation," Dorsey said of his wife. "I want surprises and she wants to relax like a normal person would."

As for Dorsey, his personality — minus the murders — is similar to Serge. Like Serge, he travels the backroads. Like Serge, he can't resist historical markers or locales.

"The only difference is impulse control," he said, comparing himself to Serge. "I don't get mad. Even the silly things Serge does, that's me."

And, like Serge, he bemoans the steady dismantling of the Florida that he loves.

When I ask about what he sees on his travels that bother him, his answer is something Serge would say:

"Something that was really cool and nobody bothered to preserve it and now it's gone. This is my 20th book tour, my routes are somewhat similar and I pass by things and they're gone. Now they're some kind of chain or franchise. When they franchise coolness, I'm not going to go."

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Shrimpa Palooza is the the place to be

Love shrimp, shrimp and more shrimp?

Then Shrimpa Palooza is the place to be on Saturday to celebrate Mardi Gras, Homosassa style.

"If you love shrimp, you've got to be there because there'll be hundreds of pounds of shrimp," said Tom Feeney, president-elect of the Rotary Club of Homosassa Springs, which is hosting the sixth annual event. "There'll be lots of people cooking shrimp and making shrimp stuff."

Gates open at 9 a.m. for the arts, food and music festival at the Homosassa Civic Center, located at West Yulee Drive and Mason Creek Road.

There will be a \$3 entry fee, which will go toward the Rotary Club's work to benefit organizations that assist area children and their families.

"We're big on helping the kids in the county," Feeney said.

The Shrimpa Palooza parade starts at 10 a.m., featuring many fun-filled participants including the Shriners and their signature miniaturized vehicles.

The parade route begins at the Old Mill Tavern off Yulee Drive, continues down Yulee Drive, past the festival and ends at South Boulevard Drive.

Feeney said there will be many food, crafts and entertainment vendors at the festival.

"There's going to be a lot of different stuff," he said, "and there's not just seafood."

There will be a kids zone, filled with games, inflatables and barrel rides.

Bands will include country group The Shadow Ridge Band and Strutt Danceband, dishing out tunes from metal to disco and everything in between.

Parking will be available along Yulee Drive and nearby areas, but Homosassa Elementary School will be available for parking, for \$5.

Feeney said the school made roughly \$5,000 at last year's Shrimpa Palooza.

For more information about the festival, visit www.shrimpapalooza.com or call Feeney at 352-201-2520.

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The race will be along Pine Avenue, half the Courthouse Square, Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Dampier Street.

Roads will be blocked and traffic diverted, but Inverness officials say the inconvenience to some is in exchange for the excitement the races and bass tournament will mean for participants, spectators and the city.

"It's worth it because it brings people to Inverness," said Sharon Skeelee-Hogan, director of the Inverness Event and Visitors Bureau. "They spend their money here. They pay taxes. They support the downtown businesses and then they go home."

"It's basically economic development," she said.

The Sunshine Grand Prix will include four cycling events in conjunction with Inverness' long-time effort to promote the sport.

"We have a brand called Bike Inverness," said Skeelee-Hogan. "This city is bicycle-friendly. And we're a bronze medal recipient of the American Bicycle Federation."

"This will put a spotlight on Inverness where bicycling is everything," she said.

The events include: ■ The Brew Ride. Begins 4 p.m. Thursday.

The event is free and no registration is required.

It starts at 322 N. Pine Ave. and ends at Pine Street Pub, 108 N. Pine St.

■ The Coffee Ride. Begins at 9 a.m. Friday.

The event is free and no registration is required.

It starts at Inverness Bicycle and Fitness, 130 N. Pine Ave. and ends at Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters, 210B Tompkins St.

■ The Citrus Springs Criterium. Begins at noon Friday.

Event participants must be nationally ranked to participate.

It starts at the corner of North Inca Way and North Marguerita Drive and ends 1.1 miles at the same location. Cyclists race along the route for 30 to 70 minutes based on their national ranking.

In addition to the 10 a.m. Inverness Downtown Criterium, the annual Clean Air Bike Ride will also be included in the group of Sunshine Grand Prix group of events. The Clean Air Bike Ride is on 7 to 9 a.m. Saturday on the Withlacoochee State Trail.

People wanting to participate can register at www.cleanairride.com for \$40. The proceeds will go to the Key Training Center. Participants will receive a T-shirt, breakfast and light lunch. The ride will be in increments ranging from 14 miles to 100 miles.

The ride will begin at the Inverness trailhead near Liberty Park.

The Sunshine Grand Prix is under the auspices of the Florida Cycling

Foundation, headed by Pablo Santa Cruz.

Cruz said that he moved the event, now in its third year, from Tampa Bay to Inverness "specifically because of the attitude of Inverness leadership."

"They like to promote healthy living. They have a vision of people enjoying the outdoors and they were open and wanted to partner with us," he said during a telephone interview from Tampa. "It's going to be a beautiful event."

Chuck Holstein, a teacher at Lecanto High School, will compete in both criterium races and a third race later in Brooksville.

Holstein, 53, was overweight 10 years ago and had a back problem. Regardless, he was looking for a physical activity that would get him in better health.

"I had a really good friend who biked, so I got out my wife's old bike from Walmart and went out," he recalled. "And I kind of liked it."

A year later he bought a \$1,000 bike. When he began,

he weighed 215 pounds.

"Now I weigh 175 pounds and I'm way more healthy," he said.

Last year he won the 52-mile-long Florida State Road Race for his age group.

Holstein said he is competitive by nature "and this is the outlet I use," he said. "The thrill of it is the competition; racing against other cyclists. I think it's awesome. I always wanted to see something come here," he said of the cycling event. "It's pretty cool to see it come to our county."

Meanwhile on Lake Henderson, more than 130 anglers are expected to sign up for the annual Big Bass Classic this Saturday.

Apopka Marine in Inverness is one of the event's sponsors.

Participating in the events shows the business' commitment to the city, said Mike Cyr, Apopka Marine's general manager.

"It gets us involved in the community," he said.

The event starts at sunrise and anglers can check in every hour beginning at 9 a.m. The angler with the

largest bass each hour wins \$1,000. The weigh-ins will end at 2 p.m.

The angler with the largest bass overall also wins \$1,000.

Anglers can also submit their five largest fish of the day. The angler with the combined heaviest catch wins \$1,000.

The woman angler with the heaviest bass also wins \$1,000.

Apopka Marine will also raffle off a 14-foot jon boat, with an 8 horsepower motor and trailer. The raffle is for children under 18. The Big Bass Classic will be held at Liberty Park, 286 North Apopka Ave.

Cyr said that it's important for stores like his to keep youngsters and anglers interested in the sport.

"We sell boats," he said, "so we should promote it."

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in Tavares, one in The Villages, and others in Orlando, Kissimmee, Winter Haven and Sebring.

Hospice of Citrus leadership failed to return several telephone calls from the Chronicle.

Recent studies suggest a move into Citrus could be favorable for Cornerstone: A Florida Agency for Health Care Administration report suggests an increased hospice demand for most Florida counties, which is supported by death rates here. In 2013, 2,338 Citrus residents died; by 2015, that jumped to 2,546. The agency predicts that number will climb to 2,632 between July 2018 and June 2019.

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Around the COUNTY

Death believed medical related

Citrus County sheriffs' detectives are investigating the death of a man they believe suffered from a medical episode before collapsing on a sidewalk along a roadway.

According to the sheriff's office, a motorist driving on State Road 44 noticed a body on the sidewalk across the street from Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church & Christian School, near South Maylen Avenue.

Detectives believe the deceased man, who is roughly 70 years old, was walking on the sidewalk when he suffered from a medical issue and died.

Rep. Massullo offers internships

Florida State Rep. Ralph Massullo, R-Lecanto, is looking for interns who are



Ralph Masullo

interested in government and want to learn the process of legislation. If you know

of anyone interested, please have him or her email a résumé to Adele Scordato at adele.scordato@myfloridahouse.gov or Dorothy Dilworth at dorothy.dilworth@myfloridahouse.gov.

Please feel free to contact the representative's office with any questions at 352-527-4510.

Art exhibit coming to CF

The work of mixed media artists Brenda Spilios and Chris Randle will be on display Monday, March 26, through Friday, April 20, in the upper level of the Dorothea Jerome Building at the College of Central Florida Citrus Campus, 3800 S. Lecanto Highway, Lecanto.

The exhibition "Transforming Glories from the Lost and Found" displays a fantasy landscape and its inhabitants. Inspired by their upbringing in the Midwest, Spilios is known for assembling found objects into 3D horses and girls, while Randle focuses on outdoor rooms and nature motivated by her frequent relocation throughout her childhood.

Spilios graduated from Truman State University with a degree in Elementary Education, and Randle graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a fine arts and art education degree.

The exhibit is free and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

—From staff reports

Correction

The recipe for the Butter-Horseradish sauce was inadvertently omitted from the Rustic Corned Beef and Potato Bake recipe in the Thursday, March 15, Flair for Food section. Here it is:

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup thinly sliced green onions, including white and green parts
- 1/2 cup horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Place butter, green onions, horseradish, ground pepper and salt in glass measuring cup. Microwave on HIGH 1 to 2 minutes or until butter melts; mix well. Cover and refrigerate 2 tablespoons for use in Rustic Corned Beef & Potato Bake.

Readers can alert the Citrus County Chronicle to any errors in news articles by emailing newsdesk@chronicleonline.com or by calling 352-563-5660.

Home fire investigations continue

BUSTER THOMPSON
Staff writer

The State Fire Marshal's Office is still investigating several home fires from this year. Here is the latest from the agency as of Wednesday:

6218 S. Nutshell Terrace, Lecanto

Investigations remain active and ongoing to make a final determination about the cause, nature and origin of the fire, which was

reported at 3:22 p.m. March 8. The 1,500 square-foot home was considered a total loss at an estimated value of \$40,000.

6275 S. Woodwind Point, Floral City

So far, open and ongoing investigations have not uncovered any indications of suspicious activity surrounding this fire, reported at 4:11 p.m. Feb. 26, which destroyed the 1,100-square-foot home, valued at an estimated \$20,000.

50 W. Cypress Blvd., Homosassa

Investigators still believe this fire, which started as a wildfire that spread to and destroyed a \$180,000 home in Sugarmill Woods and \$60,000 in contents, is suspicious in nature. It was reported just before 5 p.m. Feb. 11.

They are encouraging tipsters to call the Arson Tip Hotline at 877-662-7766. Callers can choose to remain anonymous, and information that leads to successful arrest and prosecution may be

eligible for a cash reward.

11254 W. Acacia Drive, Crystal River

A final determination into the cause, nature and origin of this fire, which was reported at 3:37 p.m. Jan. 22, remains under investigation. The 2,000-square-foot home was considered a total loss, valued at an estimated \$125,000.

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KCCB takes on Save Our Waters Week



The second-place winner of the 21st annual Save Our Waters Week Photo Contest was Kari Tedrick of Gospel Island Road, Inverness, who captured a multi-colored sunset reflected in the serene Lake Tsala Apopka waters of Harbor Lights.

Special to the Chronicle

Citrus 2020 organization dissolving

CARLY ZERVIS
Staff writer

Keep Citrus County Beautiful, a group devoted to community education and beautification efforts, is the new steward of the Save Our Waters Week program.

Formerly planned and overseen by the nonprofit Citrus 2020 in partnership with county government, the week focuses on education about water quality and recycling options, as well as local cleanup projects.

The county's annual Lakes, Rivers & Coastal Cleanup effort grew to over 800 volunteers and removed just over 17 tons

of debris between its first year in 2011 and the 2016 cleanups, according to the county's website. The 2017 schedule was severely affected by Hurricane Irma.

The rest of the week's programs came to include an environmental quiz competition for middle and high school students, an essay contest, and a poster contest, as well as educational speakers and presentations, kayaking expeditions with litter pickup goals, and more.

The program's transition won't hold up future endeavors, said Citrus 2020 board chairperson Lace Blue-McLean.

"Save Our Waters Week is still going forward and the county's annual Lakes, Rivers & Coastal Cleanup, as well," she said Wednesday. "It wasn't an easy decision — it's really bittersweet. We approached KCCB and they were open arms."

Citrus 2020, formed by the

first Leadership Citrus class in 1995, is a nonprofit organization that began meeting that year to lay out a vision of Citrus County in the year 2020. It will soon disband amidst a scarcity of board members.

"We kept it going because the Save Our Waters committee is under that umbrella, and worked with the county on the annual coastal cleanup, which is a county activity," Blue-McLean said. "Citrus 2020 formed Save Our Waters Week to support that, and it grew into a week-long event."

KCCB president Susan Metcalfe, also a Citrus 2020 committee member, is enthusiastic about taking the project on.

"We have partnered with the Save Our Waters Week committee for several years, probably half a dozen at least," Metcalfe said. "The litter prevention part of it — which is associated with the coastal cleanup — really meshes well with our mission to reduce litter, improve

recycling and beautify our community."

The committee will likely continue the staple events of Save Our Waters Week, and many of the committee members will remain and continue planning the 2018 events.

"Our mission is the same and it's a good set of volunteers to make it run," Metcalfe said. "We've all been working together for many years, and when that became the only active part of Citrus 2020, we didn't need two separate organizations."

Blue-McLean agreed. "Citrus 2020 has done its job," she said. "The purpose was to be a mediator — like a glue throughout the county, to help people who wanted to get a project moving or get grants, and we were a sounding board to help the community move forward."

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UF researchers to help restore seagrass in Gulf waters off Hernando, Citrus counties

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Special to the Chronicle

GAINESVILLE — University of Florida researchers will help restore seagrass off the coast of Hernando and Citrus counties to improve water quality and stabilize the sea floor.

Among other activities, UF/IFAS faculty will use a \$299,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to teach boaters how to avoid accidentally tearing up the sea-bottom ecosystems. Seagrass is environmentally important because it provides food and habitat for other marine life.

Brittany Scharf, a Florida Sea Grant agent in Hernando County, is working with Josh Patterson, an assistant professor in the UF/IFAS program in fisheries and aquatic sciences and Savanna Barry, a regional specialized agent for the UF/IFAS Nature Coast Biological Station on seagrass restoration.

Water in the Big Bend — which spans an area from roughly Hernando County north through Wakulla County

— is shallow compared to other areas of Florida, Scharf said. Boaters may inadvertently motor through water too shallow for their vessel, especially if they are unfamiliar with the area or the tide changes.

"Seagrass is being scarred by boat propellers, which can be quite harmful for the grass," Scharf said. Anchors and boats running aground also damage seagrass, she said. "If a boater runs aground and attempts to power off with their motor, the force created by the motor can cause a large hole to form in the seagrass bed — this is extremely damaging to the habitat."

Once damaged, seagrass recovers very slowly, she said. In some cases, erosion increases along with more seagrass loss, Scharf said.

"There is extensive damage in some areas, especially on shallow banks nearby popular scalloping areas," she said.

Faculty will educate boaters during the busiest time of the year at the ramps in the two counties — scalloping season. Because they just received

notification of the grant award, they may have to wait until next year's scalloping season to start that part of the restoration effort, Scharf said.

"Scalloping season attracts many visitors and residents, and ramps are heavily used," she said.

Sea Grant agents plan to expand the "Be Seagrass Safe" program and share the best practice recommendations for avoiding scarring seagrass with propellers, which can be found here: www.beseagrass.com. Seagrass damage is a serious issue in Florida. In South Florida, boat propellers have scarred more than 30,000 acres of seagrass, according to the "Be Seagrass Safe" website.

By the summer of 2019, they also plan to place buoys in the water to attract boaters' attention to places they should avoid, so they don't damage the seagrass, Scharf said.

For now, Barry has been piloting a buoy project around Sandy Hook Key in Crystal River, Scharf said. Agents will augment this area with additional buoys using grant funds.

Local & State BRIEFS

Barbecue, car show Saturday in Hernando

Get your motors running and your taste buds tuned up for the annual New Church Without Walls Spring Classic Car and Truck Show and BBQ Cook Off on Saturday.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with trophies awarded at 2 p.m. In between, the public is invited to come and see cars and trucks from the past and sample award-winning barbecue meals. Also, there will be a 50/50 drawing, duck walk and bounce house for kids.

The event takes place in the field next to the church, at 2577 N. Florida Ave., behind Brannen Bank, in Hernando. For information, call the church office at 352-344-2425.

Confederate monument moved to private cemetery

TAMPA — A Confederate monument has been relocated from the grounds of a courthouse to a private cemetery.

Hillsborough County commissioners voted in August to remove the monument from the front of a courthouse annex in Tampa.

In a Tampa Bay Times report, Ken Brandon said the century-old statue now occupies a corner of his family's cemetery near a busy state road.

The monument depicts two Confederate soldiers. It is kept behind a locked gate monitored by security cameras.

Brandon said the monument will not be open to the public. He said he denied a Southern heritage group's request to host an event there.

— From staff and wire reports

Today's HOROSCOPES

Birthdays — Remembering the past will help you move forward. View any crisis that occurs this year as a chance to show how remarkable you can be in such situations.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Look at a competitive situation as a test to prove your ability and as a chance to advance. Turn frustration into determination, and take care of business.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Don't be too willing to share your feelings or to let others see your vulnerability. Work hard and finish what you start. Don't give anyone a reason to complain.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Get out of dreamland and look at situations realistically. Don't let emotional situations slide because you don't want to deal with sensitive issues.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — You'll get wind of some information that probably isn't accurate. Before you make a fuss or add to the problem, get your facts straight.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't lend or borrow money or possessions. Someone will take advantage of your generosity if you are too open about what you have.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — An emotional letdown will occur if you trust someone to take care of something you should be handling.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — One of your peers or someone you look up to will not give you a true picture of what's going on at work, school or within a group you belong to.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Go over details pertaining to your home. Making sure your papers are in order and up to date will help you avoid being caught off-guard with an expense you didn't foresee.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Make changes for the right reason, not because someone is applying pressure or using emotional blackmail to twist your arm.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Last-minute changes and unpredictable people will cause you grief if you aren't prepared to cut them loose.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Something you loved to do when you were young will come back into your life.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20) — Stay on track. Your tendency to multitask will end up working against you.

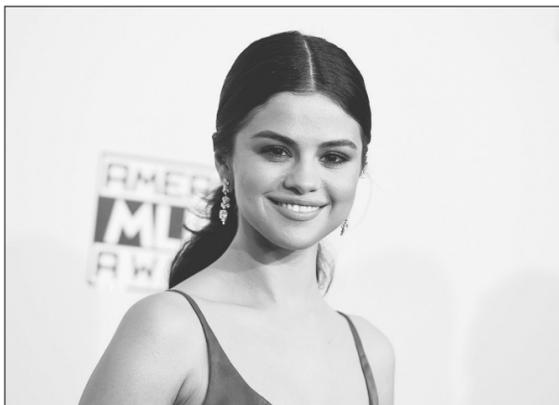
ENTERTAINMENT

Songs by Bennett, Estefan added to Recording Registry

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Songs performed by **Tony Bennett**, **Gloria Estefan** and Run-DMC are among 25 recordings being added to the National Recording Registry. The Library of Congress announced on Wednesday the list of titles being honored for their cultural and historic importance to the American soundscape. Bennett's standard "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" is being added, along with "Rhythm is Gonna Get You" by Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine, Run-DMC's "Raising Hell" album and the soundtrack to "The Sound of Music."

Bad weather forces Justin Timberlake to postpone concert

NEW YORK — Justin Timberlake's Wednesday night concert New York City was postponed due to the spring nor'easter. The pop star posted a video of himself in the snow on Instagram on Wednesday, telling his fans he's "so sorry to announce the show tonight at the Garden has been postponed due to the weather, as you can see." Timberlake added that his Thursday night show at Madison Square Garden would still go on. Tickets for Wednesday's show will be honored at a new date, Timberlake said. The singer's tour kicked off this month. It is in support of his new album, "Man of the Woods," released days before he headlined this year's Super Bowl halftime show. Timberlake ended the video



Associated Press

Selena Gomez took to Instagram after bikini photos of her in Australia showing a scar drew social media comments that she looked "thick." The singer wrote that the beauty myth was "an obsession with physical perfection that traps modern woman in an endless cycle of hopelessness, self consciousness and self-hatred." Gomez said she "chose to take care of myself" because she wants to and "not to prove anything to anyone." The scar was the result of a complication from her 2017 kidney transplant.

saying, "Happy spring everybody."

Britney Spears lands fashion campaign with Kenzo

PARIS — **Britney Spears** has landed her first high fashion modeling campaign as the new face of Paris-based Kenzo. The 36-year-old singer said she had been waiting for the "right fit and the right opportunity" to represent a luxury brand. Celebrity photographer **Peter Lindbergh** snapped Spears in relaxed styles that feature denim, baseball caps and florals, as well as the princess of pop's signature exposed midriff. The campaign is for the denim-focused "Collection Memento No. 2" that Kenzo previewed last September.

Jimmy Kimmel brings Katie Couric to his colonoscopy

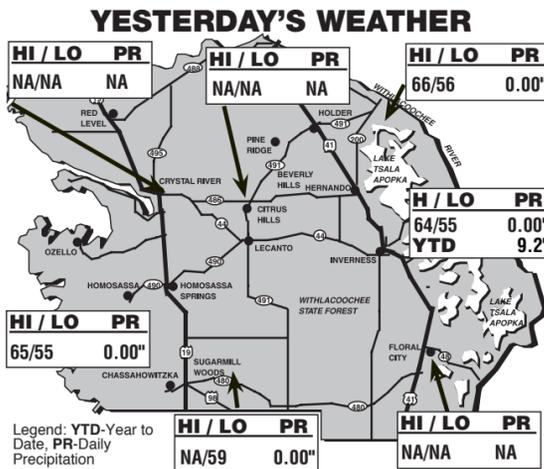
LOS ANGELES — **Jimmy Kimmel's** audience got to see more of the host than usual when he had his first colonoscopy. The talk show host brought **Katie Couric** along for the test, which aired on Tuesday's "Jimmy Kimmel Live." She was with him before and after the examination. Kimmel turned 50 in November, which is the age the American Cancer Society recommends for the colorectal cancer screening. The exam found no sign of polyps. But Couric joked with Kimmel that keys, toy soldiers and a harmonica were recovered. —From wire reports

Today in HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 22, the 81st day of 2018. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights: On March 22, 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced that Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the commander of American forces in Vietnam, would leave that post to become the U.S. Army's new Chief of Staff.

On this date: In 1312, Pope Clement V issued a papal bull ordering dissolution of the Order of the Knights Templar. In 1765, the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies, which fiercely resisted the tax. (The Stamp Act was repealed a year later.) In 1941, the Grand Coulee hydroelectric dam in Washington state officially went into operation. **Ten years ago:** Vice President Dick Cheney, visiting the Middle East, said the U.S. had an "enduring and unshakable" commitment to Israel's security and its right to defend itself against those bent on destroying the Jewish state. **Five years ago:** The Internal Revenue Service said it was a mistake for employees to have made a \$60,000 six-minute training video spoofing "Star Trek" and "Gilligan's Island." **One year ago:** A knife-wielding man plowed a car into pedestrians on London's Westminster Bridge, killing four people, then stabbed an armed police officer to death inside the gates of Parliament before being shot dead by authorities. **Today's Birthdays:** Composer-lyricist Stephen Sondheim is 88. Evangelist broadcaster Pat Robertson is 88. Actor William Shatner is 87. Writer James Patterson is 71. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber is 70. Sportscaster Bob Costas is 66. **Thought for Today:** "Do not the most moving moments of our lives find us without words?" — Marcel Marceau, French mime (1923-2007).



THREE DAY OUTLOOK
TODAY & TOMORROW MORNING
 High: 67° Low: 38°
 Sunny, chilly, not as windy.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MORNING
 High: 70° Low: 45°
 Cold morning, sunny and milder afternoon.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MORNING
 High: 76° Low: 52°
 Mostly sunny.

ALMANAC Data from Crystal River Airport

TEMPERATURE	Wednesday 65/59	DEW POINT	Wednesday at 3 p.m. 42°
Record*	88/35	HUMIDITY	Wednesday at 3 p.m. 42%
Normal	78/51	POLLEN COUNT**	Today's active pollen: Oak, juniper, nettle
Mean temp.	62		Today's count: 10.1/12
Departure from mean	-3		Friday's count: 9.2
PRECIPITATION	Wednesday 0.00"	AIR QUALITY	Wednesday observed: Good
Total for the month	1.54"		Pollutant: Ozone
Total for the year	4.63"		
Normal for the year	9.03"		

SOLAR TABLES Provided by ezisfn.com

DATE	DAY	MINOR (MORNING)	MAJOR (MORNING)	MINOR (AFTERNOON)	MAJOR (AFTERNOON)
03/22	THURSDAY	11:10	5:35	n.a.	6:05
03/23	FRIDAY	1:00	6:30	12:00	7:00

CELESTIAL OUTLOOK

SUNSET TONIGHT 7:42 p.m.
 SUNRISE TOMORROW 7:28 a.m.
 MOONRISE TODAY 11:10 a.m.
 MOONSET TODAY No Set

BURN CONDITIONS
 Today's Fire Danger Index is: **LOW. There is no burn ban.**
 For more information call Florida Division of Forestry at (352) 797-4140. For more information on wildfire conditions, please visit the Division of Forestry's Web site: www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Wildland-Fire

WATERING RULES
 Lawn watering is limited to twice-per-week unless your city or county has a different schedule or stricter hours.

Under the Southwest Florida Water Management District's year-round measures, even addresses may water on Thursday and/or Sunday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. and odd addresses may water on Wednesday and/or Saturday before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Hand watering or micro-irrigation of non-grass areas, such as vegetable gardens, flowers and shrubs, can take place any day at any time.

Questions, concerns or reporting violations, please call: City of Inverness at 352-726-2321; City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216, Ext. 313; unincorporated Citrus County at 352-527-7669. For more details, visit WaterMatters.org/Restrictions

TIDES

*From mouths of rivers **At King's Bay ***At Mason's Creek

City	High	Low
Chassahowitzka**	10:46 a.m. 0.3 ft. 10:52 p.m. 0.6 ft.	5:56 a.m. 0.1 ft. 3:39 p.m. 0.2 ft.
Crystal River**	9:05 a.m. 1.8 ft. 8:55 p.m. 2.3 ft.	3:10 a.m. 0.0 ft. 2:55 p.m. 0.7 ft.
Withlacoochee**	6:01 a.m. 2.8 ft. 5:08 p.m. 3.5 ft.	12:05 p.m. 0.9 ft.
Homosassa***	9:31 a.m. 0.9 ft. 9:07 p.m. 1.6 ft.	3:46 a.m. 0.1 ft. 3:14 p.m. 0.2 ft.

FLORIDA TEMPERATURES

City	H	L	F'cast	City	H	L	F'cast
Daytona Bch.	64	45	s	Miami	72	55	s
Fort Lauderdale	74	52	s	Ocala	66	37	s
Fort Myers	70	47	s	Orlando	69	43	s
Gainesville	65	37	s	Pensacola	64	44	s
Homestead	73	47	s	Sarasota	66	45	s
Jacksonville	64	38	s	Tallahassee	66	38	s
Key West	70	61	s	Tampa	65°	46	s
Lakeland	68	41	s	Vero Beach	68	46	s
Melbourne	67	44	s	W. Palm Bch.	71	49	s

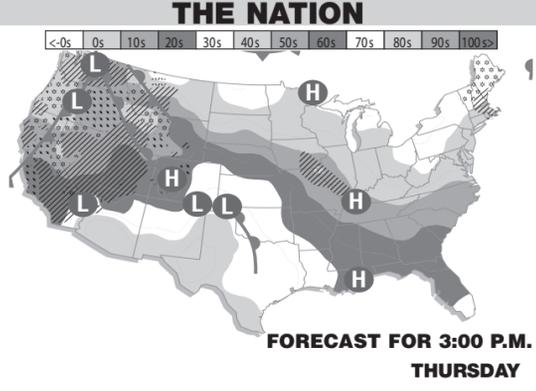
MARINE OUTLOOK
 Today: North winds around 20 knots then. Seas 3 to 5 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy. Tonight: Northwest winds around 20 knots then. Seas 2 to 4 feet. Bay and inland waters choppy.

Gulf water temperature 67°
 Taken at Aripeka

LAKE LEVELS

Location	WED	TUE	Full
Withlacoochee at Holder	28.34	28.25	34.64
Tsala Apopka-Hernando	37.00	36.93	38.66
Tsala Apopka-Inverness	38.38	38.39	39.73
Tsala Apopka-Floral City	NA	NA	41.37

Levels reported in feet above sea level. Flood stage for lakes are based on 2.33-year flood, the mean-annual flood which has a 43-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. This data is obtained from the Southwest Florida Water Management District and is subject to revision. In no event will the District or the United States Geological Survey be liable for any damages arising out of the use of this data. If you have any questions you should contact the Hydrological Data Section at (352) 796-7211.



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City	H	L	Pcp.	H	L	Fest	City	H	L	Pcp.	THU	H	L	Fest
Albany	37	25		39	29	pc	New Orleans	69	46		69	52	s	
Albuquerque	71	38		77	49	pc	New York City	39	31	.61	43	29	pc	
Asheville	43	32	.19	48	29	pc	Norfolk	41	37	.25	50	34	pc	
Atlanta	51	36	.12	57	33	s	Oklahoma City	67	30		74	56	pc	
Atlantic City	37	33	.85	43	29	pc	Omaha	51	33		61	39	pc	
Austin	78	43		80	61	pc	Palm Springs	87	59		73	58	r	
Baltimore	33	31	.51	41	28	pc	Philadelphia	36	31	.61	43	28	pc	
Billings	51	27		54	36	pc	Phoenix	83	56		91	66	cd	
Birmingham	54	36	.06	62	41	s	Pittsburgh	31	28	.60	37	20	pc	
Boise	49	42		57	38	ts	Portland, ME	38	26		40	27	sn	
Boston	36	32		42	25	sn	Portland, OR	52	38	.05	47	37	r	
Buffalo	35	26		36	24	cd	Providence, RI	40	32	.01	43	25	sn	
Burlington, VT	32	10		37	27	pc	Raleigh	41	32	.30	55	32	pc	
Charlotte, SC	60	51	.13	61	38	s	Rapid City	39	21		50	36	pc	
Charleston, WV	41	32	.69	45	27	pc	Reno	59	43	.23	50	32	r	
Charlotte	45	37	.32	57	33	pc	Rochester, NY	35	27		36	26	cd	
Chicago	40	29		47	30	pc	Sacramento	68	52	.89	62	40	ts	
Cincinnati	33	28	.31	43	27	pc	San Antonio	77	45		78	62	pc	
Cleveland	35	29		38	25	pc	San Diego	74	56		67	57	r	
Columbia, SC	49	35		56	41	pc	San Francisco	64	55	.07	59	46	ts	
Columbus, OH	36	31	.17	41	24	pc	Savannah	61	51		64	39	s	
Concord, NH	39	18		40	25	sn	Seattle	57	37		49	37	r	
Dallas	75	46		77	59	pc	Spokane	52	32		54	31	r	
Denver	62	26		74	46	pc	St. Louis	50	33		51	40	r	
Des Moines	46	28		53	35	r	St. St. Marie	33	17		30	11	pc	
Detroit	43	31		44	25	pc	Syracuse	38	16		36	26	cd	
El Paso	83	46		86	57	pc	Topeka	56	29		71	46	pc	
Evansville, IN	47	32	.23	49	35	pc	Washington	35	32	.55	41	30	pc	
Harrisburg	36	30	.71	42	24	pc								
Hartford	39	31		44	24	sn								
Houston	77	46		76	62	s								
Indianapolis	47	27	.05	47	29	pc								
Kansas City	53	30		66	45	pc								
Las Vegas	75	55		70	52	r								
Little Rock	62	41		69	51	pc								
Los Angeles	65	55	.64	65	52	r								
Louisville	35	31	.95	48	33	pc								
Memphis	56	42		62	47	pc								
Minneapolis	37	29		42	27	pc								
Mobile	38	21		44	28	pc								
Montgomery	69	44		67	43	s								
Nashville	57	41		65	42	s								
Nashville	47	35	.06	56	39	pc								

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c=cloudy; dr=drizzle; f=fair; h=hazy; pc=partly cloudy; r=rain; rs=rain/snow mix; s=sunny; sh=showers; sn=snow; ts=thunderstorms; w=windy.

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Second high bond set in Stoneman Douglas case

Student found with knife day after shooter's brother arrested

CURT ANDERSON
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A relatively high bond was imposed Wednesday in a case involving a student who brought a knife to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, one day after the same judge set a \$500,000 bond for the brother of the shooting suspect for trespassing at the school.

Broward County Judge Kim Theresa Mollica ordered 18-year-old Jordan Salter held on \$12,500 bond after she brought a knife with a 2-inch blade to the school. Authorities arrested her after a confrontation with another student Tuesday in the school cafeteria.

The SunSentinel reports that Salter attorney Brian Reidy called the high bond "out of control" and "ridiculous" at a hearing and blamed it on fear from last month's school shooting that killed 17 people.

"I don't know when we all hit the fear button when everything is such an absolute emergency," Reidy told the judge.

Also Wednesday, Florida Gov. Rick Scott ordered the state's highway patrol to station eight troopers at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to bolster security there. Scott's office said the troopers will arrive Thursday morning.

Broward County Superintendent Robert Runcie sent a letter to families Wednesday outlining security measures that include students having to use clear backpacks provided by the district.

Runcie's letter says every public school in the county will be reduced to a single entry for visitors by the start of 2019. Runcie also noted that the county would receive \$8.5 million from the state to post at least one school resource officer in every school and \$6 million to expand mental health services next school year.

Meanwhile, Florida residents won't get a chance to vote this fall on adding gun control restrictions to the state constitution. A state panel on Wednesday rejected several proposed restrictions on procedural grounds. A majority of the Florida Constitution Revision Commission voted that the gun control measures were out of order and couldn't be considered under commission rules.

Elsewhere, several media organizations including The Associated Press asked a judge to determine if additional surveillance video from the school shooting should be released. Last week, the Broward Sheriff's Office released a 27-minute video depicting ex-deputy Scot Peterson's actions remaining outside the building where the shooting

took place.

Trespassing is a misdemeanor that usually involves only a \$25 bond. But Judge Mollica agreed with prosecutors that Zachary Cruz had been warned not to visit the school and that the enormity of the Valentine's Day massacre warranted a much higher bond for him to gain his release.

"Weeks after his brother murdered, injured and terrorized at the school, (Zachary) was there," said Assistant State Attorney Sarahnell Murphy at a hearing Tuesday. "Many (parents) kept their children home today. They have again been terrorized."

Broward Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Zachary Cruz on Monday afternoon, saying he rode his skateboard onto the campus where 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz is accused of carrying out the shooting Feb. 14.

Joseph Kimok, who is representing Zachary Cruz, said the bond and conditions were far out of proportion to the trespassing offense.

"He is being held for who he is related to, not for anything he did," Kimok said.

According to an arrest report, Zachary Cruz told officers he came to the school to "reflect on the school shooting and soak it all in." He did not resist arrest and the report made no mention of any weapons.

Still, Murphy said Zachary Cruz could pose a threat.

"He has all the same flags present as his brother," she said.

Mollica also ordered Zachary Cruz to wear an ankle monitor and stay away from schools — particularly Stoneman Douglas High — if he is released. She approved a search for weapons and ammunition at the Palm Beach County home where he is living with a family friend, and he is not to visit his brother in jail.

Also Tuesday, the sheriff's office filed for a risk protection order against Zachary Cruz in circuit court under a new "red flag law" that was just signed by Florida's governor last week. If a judge approves the request, Cruz would be involuntarily hospitalized for a mental health evaluation and barred from possessing firearms.

Zachary and Nikolas shared the same biological mother but had different fathers. Both were adopted at very young ages by Roger and Lynda Cruz, who moved them into their Parkland home.



JAY JANNER/Austin American-Statesman

Authorities surround the home of the Austin bombing suspect Mark Conditt Wednesday in Pflugerville, Texas. Authorities say Conditt, a man suspected of planting several deadly bombs in the Texas capital this month, blew himself up in a motel parking lot overnight as a SWAT team approached his SUV.

BOMBER

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Mark Anthony Conditt, an unemployed college dropout who bought bomb-making materials at The Home Depot, was tracked down using store surveillance video, cellphone signals and witness accounts of a customer shipping packages in a disguise that included a blonde wig and gloves. His motive remained a mystery.

Police finally found the 23-year-old early Wednesday at a hotel in a suburb north of Austin known as the scene for filming portions of "Friday Night Lights." Officers prepared to move in for an arrest. When the suspect's sport utility vehicle began to drive away, they followed.

Conditt ran into a ditch on the side of the road, and SWAT officers approached. That's when he detonated a bomb inside the vehicle, Austin Police Chief Brian Manley said.

Police discovered a 25-minute video recording on a cellphone found with Conditt, which Manley said he considers a "confession" to the bombings. It described in great detail the differences among the bombs, he said.

"It is the outcry of a very challenged young man talking about challenges in his own life," Manley said of the recording.

Law enforcement officials did not immediately say whether Conditt acted alone in the five bombings in the Texas capital and suburban San Antonio that killed two people and badly wounded four others.

Investigators released few details about Conditt, except his age and that he was white. Neighbors say he was home schooled. He later attended Austin Community College from 2010 to 2012, according to a college spokeswoman, but he did not graduate.

In posts dated from 2012, a blogger who identified himself as Mark Conditt of suburban Pflugerville wrote that gay marriage should be illegal. He also called for the elimination of sex offender registrations and argued in favor of the death penalty. He listed his interests as cycling, tennis and listening to music.

Of gay marriage, Conditt wrote: "Homosexuality is not natural. Just look at the male and female bodies. They are obviously designed to couple."

Jay Schulze, who lives in Pflugerville, said he was jogging Tuesday night when he was stopped by police and asked about the bombings. He said police flew drones over Conditt's home for about six hours between Tuesday evening and early Wednesday morning.

Schulze described the home as "a weird house with a lot of people coming and going" and a bit rundown.

A neighbor who watched Conditt grow up said he always seemed smart and polite. Jeff Reeb said he has lived next to Conditt's parents for about 17 years and described them as good neighbors. Conditt had visited his parents regularly, he said.

Conditt's family released a statement saying they had "no idea of the darkness that Mark must have been in." His uncle, Mike Courtney, said his nephew was a "computer geek" who was intelligent and kind.

Austin was hit with four bombings starting on March 2. The first explosions were from packages left on doorsteps. Then a bomb with a tripwire was placed near a public trail. A fifth parcel bomb detonated early Tuesday at a FedEx distribution center near San Antonio.

Rep. Michael McCaul, a Republican from Austin, said Conditt's "fatal mistake" was walking into a FedEx store to mail a package because that allowed authorities to obtain surveillance video that showed him and his vehicle, along with his license plate number. From there, investigators could identify the suspect and eventually track him using his cellphone.

Police warned of the possibility that more bombs had yet to be found.

"We don't know where this suspect has spent his last 24 hours, and therefore we still need to remain vigilant to ensure that no other packages or devices have been left to the community," Manley said.

By late afternoon, federal officials had a "reasonable level of certainty" that there were no more package bombs "out in the public," said Fred Milanowski of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. But

authorities urged continued awareness just in case.

"We think we're on top of this, but we just don't know," FBI agent Chris Combs said.

Homemade explosives were recovered from Conditt's home. His two roommates were detained for questioning. One was later released.

Investigators said one room in the home contained bomb components and explosive materials but no finished bombs. They were analyzing Conditt's internet history to find out how he learned to make bombs.

Police initially believed the bombings may have been hate crimes because the victims of the earliest blasts were black, but they backed off that theory after Hispanic and white victims from different parts of the city were also affected.

Milanowski, the agent in charge of the Houston division of the ATF, said it was "hard to say" if the bombing suspect had acted alone. Investigators were confident that "the same person built each one of these devices."

Isaac Figueroa said he and his brother heard sirens and helicopters around 2 a.m. Wednesday in the area and drove toward them, then cut through nearby woods on foot after they hit a police roadblock.

The 26-year-old said they saw a sport utility vehicle that was pinned between large vans and "looked like it had been rammed off the road." He said police later deployed a robot to go examine the vehicle.

The suspect's death followed a day of rapid-fire developments in the case. On Tuesday, the bomb at the FedEx shipping center in suburban San Antonio exploded on a conveyer belt.

Later, police sent a bomb squad to a FedEx facility outside the Austin airport to check on a suspicious package. Authorities subsequently said that package contained an explosive that was tied to the other bombings.

Officers then recovered footage of Conditt wearing a blonde wig and gloves as he turned over packages to send at a FedEx store in south Austin. That was enough to set in motion the manhunt that ended with Wednesday's fatal explosion.

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Obituaries



Dewey Culbreth Sr., 90

CRYSTAL RIVER

Dewey James Culbreth, Sr. of Crystal River, passed away peacefully on March 21, 2018 at age 90, surrounded by his loving family.

Dewey was born in Magnolia, North Carolina on August 23, 1927 and was one of six children born to Harvey and Eliza (Sutton) Culbreth. Dewey served two tours in the Navy upon graduating from high school. He served as Petty Officer on a Naval warship and was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. Upon discharge from the Navy, he began a career as a pharmaceutical sales rep for McNeil Laboratories, and was part of the team to introduce Tylenol to the general public. He eventually moved his family from Atlanta, GA to Ft. Lauderdale, FL where he began another successful career selling life insurance. Always reinventing himself as a successful businessman, through connections made selling insurance, Dewey entered the world of construction where he started a successful dry-wall business. From there, he became a local success in Ft. Lauderdale in the nightclub and restaurant business leading to what continues to be one of the longest running family owned restaurants in Ft. Lauderdale, now operated by his son, Dewey, Jr. Despite his many business successes, Dewey's happiest times were spent with his wife, Shirley, on their 100-acre farm in Chipley, FL. It was there that Dewey developed a passion for horses and became known as the local horse whisperer. He became a talented trainer with a gift for understanding horses, working with those that were difficult to train. After enjoying many years on their beloved farm, Dewey and Shirley eventually retired to Crystal River, FL.

Dewey is survived by his loving wife, Shirley, son, Dewey Culbreth, Jr. (Julie), of Fort Lauderdale; daughters Cynthia Buky of Hernando, FL and Deborah Bloss of Inverness, along with grandchildren, Christopher, Travis, Stephanie & Philip, II and two great grandsons, Ezekiel and Philip, III and numerous other beloved family. A celebration of life will be held at Gulf to Lake Church, 1454 N. Gulf Ave., Crystal River, FL 34429, on Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dewey's memory may be made to Gulf to Lake Church of Crystal River or Hospice of Citrus County, 3350 W. Audubon Park Path, Lecanto, FL.

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Kim Egner, 53
BEVERLY HILLS

Ms. Kim V. Egner, age 53, of Beverly Hills, Florida, died Friday, March 16, 2018 in Crystal River, FL. Arrangements are under the direction of the Beverly Hills Chapel of Hooper Funeral Home & Crematory.

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Robert 'Bob' Hanlon, 91

CRYSTAL RIVER

Robert F. "Bob" Hanlon, 91 of Crystal River passed away Sunday March 18, 2018 at Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast. He was born September 22, 1926 in Cleveland, OH and came here 11 years ago from Berea, OH.

Mr. Hanlon was a World War II and Korean War veteran, a pilot and retired with the rank of Major from the US Air Force. He was also a member of the National Guard. He attended The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University where he earned his Engineering Degree and worked as an Aeronautical Engineer with NASA for many years. He loved his family dearly and was proud of his Irish heritage. He enjoyed bike riding, was involved with scouting and loved his rescue dog Bailey. He was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Rita, his brother Edward and half-sister Delia.

He is survived by his wife Joan, son Michael Hanlon and wife Robin, daughters Kathleen Hanlon, Diane O'Reilly and husband Gary, Mary Hanlon, a stepson Thomas Maher and wife Gail, a stepdaughter Jacqueline Maher Gregg and husband Bob, two brothers, three sisters, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting the family with private arrangements. For those who wish, please consider a memorial donation to Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast.

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Ruth Twiggs, 88

HERNANDO

Ruth Twiggs, 88, of Hernando, FL was born on June 19, 1929 to the late Alzo and Alberta Smith; she was married to the late Alfred Twiggs, Jr.;

Ruth served as Church Mother and Usher at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church and retired from Citrus Memorial Hospital after 30 years of service as an Executive Housekeeper.

She leaves to carry on her legacy, her children, Shirley Futch, Margaret Simmons (Robert) all of Hernando, FL, Leroy Leaks, Jr. (Rhonda) of Clinton, MD, Dennis Houston (Stacie) of Waldorf, MD, David Houston (Rebecca) of Crystal River, FL, Betty Goode (Harold) of High Springs, FL, Cynthia Frazier of Dunnellon, FL, Pamlamia George of High Springs, FL, Marsha Twiggs of Statesboro, GA, Anthony Williams (Pamela) of St. Petersburg, FL and Dixie Hollins (Robyn) of Crystal River, FL; twenty-five grandchildren, forty-two great-grandchildren, and three God-children. A devoted sister-in-law, Lucille Smith, a very special friend, Apostle Louise Aron, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Wake services, Friday, March 23rd, 6-8pm at Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist

Church, Hernando, FL; Services, Saturday, March 24th at 11am, First Assembly of God, Inverness, FL. Cason Funeral Home (352) 796-7033.

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Betty Brown, 88

CRYSTAL RIVER

Betty Rooks Brown, 88 of Crystal River passed away March 20, 2018.

She was born November 1, 1929 to Willard and Lucille (Parker) Weiss in Cincinnati, OH and came here 66 years ago from there.

In addition to her parents, brothers and sisters, she was preceded in death by her former husbands; Oak Klotsch and Ralph Rooks, sons; Mike, Tim and Alan Rooks.

She is survived by daughters; Terry Rooks (Joe Lese), and Deena Rooks Collins (Newell), a son Todd Rooks (Lisa), 8 grandchildren; Jason Worsham, Taryn Allen, Jennifer Prosser, Aaron Rooks, Todd Rooks, Alan Rooks, Talesha Hastings and Ryan Veal. She also had 10 great grandchildren; Ashleigh, Alex, Pressley, Nolan, Vivian, Austin, Porter, London, Demi and Estelle.

Betty was a retired teacher and always considered children as her calling. She loved teaching, specializing in Kindergarten through Sixth grade and the gifted student program. She received the Teacher of the Year award several times and worked very hard to establish the first library in Crystal River. She was an active member of the Crystal River United Methodist Church. Above all else, she loved her family.

Her family would like to thank her loving caregivers; Susie Owens, Sophie Brooks, Sharon McKinnis, Alica Veltman and Ajay Carter.

A memorial service will be held at 5 PM on Thursday March 22nd at the Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in Crystal River. Friends are invited to visitation there from 4 PM until service time. For those who wish, please consider a memorial donation to Hospice of Citrus and the Nature Coast or a charity of your choice.

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Zuckerberg admits mistakes, outlines fixes

BARBARA ORTUTAY, DANICA KIRKA AND GREGORY KATZ
Associated Press



Mark Zuckerberg said Facebook has a "responsibility" to protect its users' data.

NEW YORK — Breaking more than four days of silence, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg admitted mistakes and outlined steps to protect user data in light of a privacy scandal involving a Trump-connected data-mining firm.

Zuckerberg said Wednesday that Facebook has a "responsibility" to protect its users' data and if it fails, "we don't deserve to serve you."

Zuckerberg and Facebook's No. 2 executive, Sheryl Sandberg, have been quiet since news broke Friday that Cambridge Analytica may have used data improperly obtained from roughly 50 million Facebook users to try to sway elections.

Facebook has already taken the most important steps to prevent such a situation from happening again, Zuckerberg said. For example, in 2014, it reduced access outside apps had to user data. However, some of the measures didn't take effect until a year later, allowing Cambridge to access the data in the intervening months.

Zuckerberg acknowledges that there is more the company needs to do. In a Facebook post on Wednesday, Zuckerberg said it will ban developers who don't agree to an audit. An app's developer will no longer have access to data from people who haven't used that app in three months. Data will also be generally limited to user names, profile photos and email, unless the developer signs a contract with Facebook and gets user approval.

Earlier Wednesday, an academic who developed the app used by

Cambridge Analytica to harvest data said that he had no idea his work would be used in Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

Alexandr Kogan, a psychology researcher at Cambridge University, told the BBC that both Facebook and Cambridge Analytica have tried to place the blame on him for violating the social media platform's terms of service, even though Cambridge Analytica ensured him that everything he did was legal.

"My view is that I'm being basically used as a scapegoat by both Facebook and Cambridge Analytica," he said. "Honestly, we thought we were acting perfectly appropriately, we thought we were doing something that was really normal."

Authorities in Britain and the United States are investigating the alleged improper use of Facebook data by Cambridge Analytica, a U.K.-based political research firm. Facebook shares have dropped some 9 percent, lopping more than \$50 billion off the company's market value, since the revelations were first published, raising questions about whether social media sites are violating users' privacy.

The head of Cambridge Analytica, Alexander Nix, was suspended Tuesday

after Britain's Channel 4 News broadcast hidden camera footage of him suggesting the company could use young women to catch opposition politicians in compromising positions. Footage also showed Nix bragging about the firm's pivotal role in the Trump campaign.

Nix said Cambridge Analytica handled "all the data, all the analytics, all the targeting" for the Trump campaign, and used emails with a "self-destruct timer" to make the firm's role more difficult to trace.

"There's no evidence, there's no paper trail, there's nothing," he said.

In a statement, Cambridge Analytica's board said Nix's comments "do not represent the values or operations of the firm, and his suspension reflects the seriousness with which we view this violation."

Facebook itself is drawing criticism from politicians on both sides of the Atlantic for its alleged failure to protect users' privacy.

Sandy Parakilas, who worked in data protection for Facebook in 2011 and 2012, told a U.K. parliamentary committee Wednesday that the company was vigilant about its network security but lax when it came to protecting users' data.

Teachers rally against benefit cuts

BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Hundreds of Kentucky teachers flexed their political muscle with a rally Wednesday outside the state Capitol, seeking to bury a proposed pension overhaul and win more state education funding from the Republican-led legislature.

Braving a late-season snow, about 1,000 teachers and other school employees marched from the Kentucky Education Association headquarters to the Capitol, chanting, "We'll Remember in November" — an election-year warning against efforts to reduce their retirement benefits. Some motorists honked in

support as they drove past the marchers. Kentucky has one of the worst-funded public pension systems in the country and efforts to achieve reform are being closely watched nationwide by teachers and other public workers in other states.

The show of force by Kentucky teachers comes amid growing unrest among public educators nationwide, led by thousands of West Virginia teachers who walked off the job and swarmed their Capitol for nine days earlier this year to secure a 5 percent pay raise.

Kentucky teachers are not fighting for a pay raise but are loudly calling on lawmakers not to touch their retirement benefits. The state is at least

\$41 billion short of what it needs to pay the pension fund over the next 30 years. State officials say the pension bill would save taxpayers about \$3.2 billion over the next 20 years and stabilize the situation.

The teachers marched around the Capitol and then formed in front of the statehouse for a rally meant to ratchet up pressure on lawmakers in the final days of their legislative session.

"It is important to know that you are winning this debate," House Minority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, told them. "It is important to know that you have to stay in this debate and in this game 'til the very end."

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UNCIVIL DISCOURSE

Vitriol, partisanship stifles free expression

A recent letter to the editor of the Chronicle from a periodic contributor lamented that never before has the individual desire to freely share opinions on political issues reaped such personal animus from the body politic.

The writer wasn't referring to the national body politic, but fellow county residents who hurled barbs and even threats at the writer for being so bold as to share an opinion.

The fact that America's uncivil political discourse has emanated from our nation's capital to our county on the Nature Coast of Florida should raise the concern and ire of each of us, if we truly value freedom of expression.

The opportunity to express one's opinion on different issues is one of the most fundamental individual freedoms and rights that we have because it enables a free flow of viewpoints and ideas that is a prerequisite for political processes to function effectively in a representative democracy.

The quintessential importance of the free flow of viewpoints and ideas in a democratic society was recognized by the renowned 18th century French philosopher Baron Charles Montesquieu, who noted that in a free society "from their individual thought, freedom is born."

Key to the freedom of expression is a commitment to civil political discourse by exercising active listening, honest arguments, unbiased

evaluation and mutual respect. Above all, it demands those who hold contrary views not be demonized.

Nonetheless, with highly partisan cable news outlets, radio talk shows, blogs and the internet serving as a huge echo chamber, civil political discourse in contemporary America has sadly succumbed to incivility from Pennsylvania Avenue to Main Street.

As such, political discourse has become a mean-spirited barrage of derision, partisan attacks, disingenuous arguments, misrepresentative spin, character assassination, vulgar language and intimidating threats.

While American political discourse has always had its share of incivility, today's unparalleled vitriol partisanship is doing great damage to our representative democracy by stifling free expression and nurturing a callous, and even hateful, disregard for each other, at the expense of the common good.

With American politics now almost devoid of civility, the words of contemporary Turkish author, playwright, and thinker Mehmet Murat Ildan need to be taken to heart by each of us, if freedom of expression is to continue underwriting our American democracy: "To express what you think is sacred; let every person express his thought freely! If you do this, you prove that you are a conscientious and a moral human being!"

School for learning, not indoctrination

I couldn't read the letters to the editor criticizing the school board for not allowing anti-gun demonstrations on Citrus County campuses without commenting.

These nationwide protests were clearly organized and coordinated by anti-gun groups — if you don't believe that, then you have to believe that out of the millions and millions of elementary, middle and high school students in the U.S., not one had an alternate point of view. There was absolutely zero dissent allowed at any of these "protests." Any student who didn't agree had the choice of detention, study hall or in-school suspension. Teachers who disagreed at these schools knew they would be committing career suicide to oppose these demonstrations.

For all the commenters who cite the First Amendment as a reason for allowing such walkouts, would you be equally supportive of walkouts in support of banning abortion? How about bringing prayer back into schools every morning? Should students walk out in support of stopping illegal immigration? I suspect the majority of these writers would then be appalled at the "politicization" of public schools and demand expulsion for the student participants as "disrupters." Most so-called "progressives" only support "free speech" when they agree with what's being said. Schools should be places of learning, not indoctrination centers for some sort of new Red Guard.

Earnest Gallion
 Crystal River

Superintendent made the right call

Superintendent Himmel and the Citrus County School Board did the right thing in not allowing kids to walk out of school to protest. Once you allow that type of behavior during school hours and on the taxpayer's money, where would it stop? Would all those complaining that the kids should have been allowed be OK if the kids walked out to protest Planned Parenthood or any other cause that is not on the liberal/progressive agenda? Probably not.

If you want to protest, that is fine, but do it on your time, like a Saturday and see how many show up. School is for learning and not for protesting. That type of behavior belongs outside of the school hours and day. Thank you, Superintendent Himmel, for following the proper role for our schools.

Rocco Jerome
 Pine Ridge

Questions for those supporting walkouts

Just a few questions for those — including this newspaper — supporting school walkouts.

Question: How does getting out of class help avoid future shootings?

Question: How does blaming guns help with

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understanding the problem and finding a solution or deterrent?

Question: How does printing only one side of the "walkout" story encourage thoughtful discussion?

If you believe school walkouts can help solve school shooting problems, can you support school walkouts for banning cell phones (texting while driving) or banning automobiles, as they kill more kids than guns? How is a walkout helping prepare kids for real life problems they will surely face in the future? Will they "walk out" if they face a tough problem in life? Finally, what is the matter with you? Have you never had or simply lost the ability to think, to look at a problem and find reasonable solutions?

I submit those supporting school walkouts have no concept of cause and effect and that supporting walkouts makes you part of the problem.

David W. Martin
 Homosassa

USFWS vs. city of Crystal River

Having lived in Crystal River for almost 50 years, I look at this as a no-brainer: Having attended U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) meetings here since the early 1980s, one thing is consistent: The failure of the USFWS. During the purchasing process of Three Sisters, I and others expressed concern that the USFWS had neither the staff nor money to support Three Sisters. We've had new directors come and go, all with promises they don't keep, but still take their share of the profit. Meanwhile the city spends about 60 percent of its time and resources, has hired more employees, trolleys, etc., related to the Three Sisters situation, and the USFWS keeps stalling. They cannot even afford to rebuild their office on King's Bay Drive.

Granted, I am not a fan of the USFWS, but if they were pulling their load I would not feel the need to address this. The city can and needs to control Three Sisters and reap all the financial benefits to pay for what we do now and plan to do in the future. Getting involved in a long-term contract

with the USFWS will only tie up the development of projects in Three Sisters.

Scott Davis
 Crystal River

Keep schools nonpolitical

After a good deal of reading peoples' outrage about local schools not allowing our county children to leave classes to advocate for gun control, I conclude that the schools were right in their decision.

Schools are supposedly for learning. And yes, while an organized anti-gun protest could be a valuable learning experience, it is not proper for it to have taken place during school hours. Hindersightfully, our schools could have taken the high road and assisted the kids in organizing an after school anti-gun rally for all who wished to attend. Schools should not have advocated, nor sanctioned any such protest, but assisting in such a political get-together is another thing and teaches politics rather than makes a political statement.

If the schools had allowed or sanctioned the kids' abandonment of classes for a gun control rally, it would have set a local precedent for any number of such political actions. I wonder if the proponents of the recent protests will support students leaving classes and rallying in support of anti-abortion laws, unappetizing lunches or homework assignments? Teach the kids politics, certainly, but advocating any specific political action or party-line political position is most assuredly not the schools' purpose.

Thomas Fallon
 Lecanto

Don't knock the sheriff

All too frequently, Sheriff Mike Pendergast is taken to task about not spending enough time on speeders, petty theft, grand theft, drug control or the issue du jour — the latest being the affordability of school safety. Our county is large, and the Citrus County Sheriff's Office can not be in all places at once. It would be interesting to hear the sheriff's opinion of what it would take to address all the areas of concern, equipment, vehicles, manpower, etc. and how the Board of County Commissioners cooperates with the requests he has made regarding these items.

Noting that a vast number of patrol cars are still the Crown Victorias which were last manufactured in 2011, a seven-year-old average mileage fleet vehicle would put those cars in the 150,000 to 200,000 mile range. Hardly an age or mileage for constant mechanical reliability, or comfort for the driver. This begs for information as to the condition and availability of items needed to ensure the safety and security of the public and the folks who go out there each day to fight crime.

Mike Dragoun
 Lecanto

Riverwalk too small and narrow

I'm calling in reference to your "Riverwalk opens," your photo of the walkway (March 17's front page). There's not enough room for people to walk. You've got barely three people you could fit. The other people are walking on the outside of the sidewalk. One guy's almost on the grass. So apparently the Riverwalk is really not wide enough. It should have been wider for the people. And then your bicyclists are going to call and complain how come it's not wide enough for them. So take a look at the picture. It's a really small sidewalk. Unbeliev-

able. A waste of money.

Walking to school can be dangerous

"Why can't the kids walk?" — I'm calling in response to this Sound Off on March 17 replying to the Sound Off on March 11. I agree with you that if busing works better up north, then people should consider moving back. However, I suspect this is due to inclement weather conditions there. I'm happy you had the pleasure of walking to school. However, in today's society, it is not feasible — it's dangerous. Surely you are aware of

the dangers of predators who could target students as they walk to school. As far as your comment about kids being lazy: I'm not sure where your information comes from. Check the papers. Students in Citrus County are receiving many scholarships to major universities. They also participate in a variety of school sports. Lastly, once you did make your way to school with no sidewalks, perhaps you should have paid more attention in language-arts class. Your phrase, "they can't do nothing," was cringe-worthy. The correct word

would be "anything" — "they can't do anything." Perhaps all that walking exhausted you before you reached language-arts class.

Booth hog needs to move

This is to the one person in a restaurant sitting in a booth for four: I don't get it. I don't care if there is no seats. When you have four people who need to sit down and there's one person in a booth, you need to get up and move.

Good things come to those who wait

I remember back in the good-ol' days when they said

that man would not walk onto the moon, pigs would not fly and they said the Riverwalk would probably not be done. So, keep up the good work. Way to go, Mayberry. Good news — Riverwalk opens this century and also the Cubs won. Hey, hey, hey! All good things come to he who waits.

Bar dogs or face a boycott

This is about dogs — what a surprise. If you keep allowing dogs in the supermarket, walking in the aisles on leashes, we will boycott your stores. You just don't get it. Dogs do not belong in supermarkets or restaurants, but most of all, supermarkets.



LETTERS to the Editor

Time to apologize

I want to say I was wrong to say I felt the Florida Legislature did not have the spine to do anything about changing gun laws. Prayer is great, and this proves it works. That being said, I do not believe the new law went far enough when it did not include background checks for all purchases. These past weeks, notices of, for the record, 11 felons were charged with illegally owning a firearm. I believe they were stolen, bought at a gun show or flea market or on the internet. You will never stop all criminals from obtaining a gun, but three out of four is a good start.

I know the NRA has already filed their lawsuit contending Florida law violates the Second Amendment, so let's review the 2008 Supreme Court decision of the District of Columbia vs. Heller. It affirmed the right to own a gun but, and I quote, "Like most rights, the Second Amendment right is not unlimited. It is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

The majority (five) opinion, written by Antonin Scalia, was modest and cautious. Again, I quote, "Nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms." Over the last decade, four separate federal courts have ruled that a ban on assault-type weapons is permissible under the Second Amendment. Powerful words!

I know some will state their case based on age restrictions and while it is arbitrary, many things in our society have age requirements, so I don't think you can pick and choose which ones to object to and then ignore others to suit your purpose of argument.

I believe in the Second Amendment and see no reason to take anybody's guns away if they were purchased according to the law. Little steps taken to make us all safer can only be a good thing.

Jerry Daniels
Hernando

Trump, the Porn President

Hot off the press: Maureen Dowd of the New York Times says Trump is the "First Porn President" ever. Can you believe it?

She has numerous

facts in her Sunday column regarding Trump and our historical White House. She calls the stories about Trump and Stormy "salacious." Maureen is one of the top writers in the New York Times and she's my favorite because she tells it like it is. She believes our president will not find it easy for him to escape this "sexcapade."

The sad part about it all is that Trump has said he will meet with Kim Jong-un and we are all wondering what this young leader is thinking right now. Stormy is the star of "Sex Bots: Programmed for Pleasure," among others. Yes, it makes you so proud of our president, doesn't it? What could he be thinking?

I could go on with all that Maureen has developed, but I am allowed only so much print, and this is it.

Ruth J. Anderson
Sugarmill Woods

Clearing up the confusion

Poor Mike Nielsen is confused and says he disagrees with my interpretations.

Let us review what appears to be your repeated and deliberate attempts to mislead the readers, but may just be from your confusion.

You said: "My comment about markets mushrooming, however, was based on overall performance and not just the S&P!"

Your confusion may come from the "s" at the end of markets; this "s" makes it plural, not just the Dow 30 Industrial stocks. This would include the S&P along with the Nasdaq market, both of which disagreed with your and Trump's claim.

As for the Dow, it depends on your start and finish dates for whether it grew faster under Obama or Trump, but it was close, as said in cabotwealth.com: "Both stock market results are impressive, but there's a clear winner one year into their term: Obama. Performance in Dow stocks was fairly similar, but tech stocks were more impressive under Obama and large-cap stocks nearly doubled the performance under Trump thus far."

More of your confusion may come from: Your phrase "overall performance and not just the S&P" implies the Dow is the overall market. The Dow 30 industrial stocks are not overall in comparison to the 500 stocks of the S&P, which represents 80 percent of all market capitalization.

More of your confusion may come from your quote of part of an article from cbs.com that supports you, but conveniently ignores the

part of the article that says just the opposite: "Some investors believe Trump is getting too much credit for the run-up and it's really the strength of the global economy boosting these industrial stocks. 'There is clearly a coincidence between Trump's election and the run-up in stock prices over the past year,' Ed Yardeni, president and chief investment strategist at Yardeni Research, said in a note earlier this week. 'However, coinciding with Trump's victory was mounting evidence of a global synchronized boom. In our opinion, the run-up in stock prices over the past year has been a continuation of the bull market ...'

Other of poor Mike's confusions that will be dealt with in other letters include:

■ Democrat legislators won't make individual cuts permanent because to do so would hand Trump a further political victory.

■ Trump's tax cut is helping the middle class while soaking the rich.

■ The 2008 crash was primarily caused by Democrat policies and unregulated banking industry machinations.

Warren Taylor
Beverly Hills

Family shouldn't have to pay

Who is paying the bills for the care of Anthony Borges?

Weeks after being shot, he fell critically ill of an intestinal infection. After surgeries, his condition was upgraded to fair.

On Feb. 14, the 15-year old was shot protecting his classmates in a tragic Florida mass shooting, and now his family can't afford to pay for his health care. This brave young immigrant was shot five times in the legs and back as he tried to close and lock the door to a classroom during the attack. Anthony is credited for saving 20 students.

Despite Anthony Borges's heroic actions, his family is struggling to pay for his medical procedures. With several surgeries remaining in Borges's recovery, a family friend set up a GoFundMe page to help with the high cost of his health care.

Given the terrible circumstances surrounding Borges's injuries, it's astonishing that his family has had to rely on a public fundraiser to cover the costs of his health care. Medical care should be a right, not a privilege, especially when gun violence continues to threaten our country.

Kathy Dobronyi
Inverness

Hot Corner: STUDENT WALKOUT

■ I was all set to call Sound Off regarding the ridiculousness of keeping students in the (Citrus County) Florida schools from protesting gun violence — I think the school should be ashamed of not letting them out for 17 minutes — but five letters to the editor in today's paper (March 17) said it better than I might have anyway.

■ I just want to take a minute and phone the Citrus County Chronicle and thank them for skipping over some letters to the editor today in the Saturday edition and printing those five beautiful letters criticizing the school board for not allowing the students to have the 17 minutes of silence to be in solidarity with the kids that were killed in south Florida. It's a real shame when adults squash initiative by kids to get involved with the political process that's supposed to be open to all. And these kids will now be voters very quickly and this will certainly take and train their thoughts on how to act as they become voters — and not in a positive way. Shame on the school board for not allowing that when the rest of the country was in step with the kids in Florida.

■ I just finished reading the letters which were written admonishing the Citrus County School Board for denying students the opportunity to join nationwide student protests, remembrances, support and honor to those who were injured or died in the recent school shooting. Shame, shame on Mrs. Himmel, Mr. Kennedy and the board members for their detention threats and for turning their backs on a perfect opportunity to showcase unity, solidarity and civic duty. Kudos to all who wrote in support of the students, and kudos to the Chronicle for publishing them.

■ Students should be given the opportunity to express themselves. Civic-minded educators do not suppress students' rights to assemble and protest governmental actions. Good educators, instead, provide safe and orderly means for students to join with others nationwide and express their concerns. Unfortunately, Citrus County missed a wonderful opportunity to teach orderly, active and living civics. Students wish to voice their ideas and this is our chance to make the Bill of Rights a living document to our young kids. Please do not miss the opportunity a second time.

■ I'm looking at the March 17 letters to the editor. I notice every letter about the blocking of the students wandering about in the middle of the school day to protest for gun control were negative. Did you get no one that supported it or did you just print the ones that were mad at the

schools? I've got a question: Would these same people who are so upset that they wouldn't let the students go out for that — which is obviously a political march because they're talking about gun control — feel the same way if it was a national walkout by students for right-to-life and anti-abortion speeches were given? Just wondering.

■ Protesting while attending school is not permitted. You cannot protest while you're at work. The kids are being taught the wrong things. The government has taken over and you parents better fix it.

■ I wouldn't blame the superintendent for not letting the kids walk out. Our teenagers have too much common sense and brains to be manipulated by the Democratic liberal party. That's not a grassroots movement. There's a lot of money behind this using the children as spokespersons to promote your political liberal agenda and that's what's going on. ... Our kids are too smart to be manipulated. Don't blame the superintendent.

■ Just a short comment about schoolchildren protesting on school time: Since when do children decide what they do at school? I applaud the school board and the administration for holding firm and keeping students in class. That's what we pay them to do. If they want to protest, they can protest on the weekends.

■ Citrus County, especially Inverness, erects statues for our veterans proclaiming, "Fight for freedom," and yet we deny our local students the right to participate in their First Amendment right to free speech and right to assembly. At least according to the Chronicle, the walkout was denied protesting gun violence, there were sheriff's deputies and administrative personnel in the hallways to stop students from walking out with the rest of the students in the whole country and one student was reported to the office because she attempted to walk out. What, are we treating our schools as jail and not giving students their First Amendment rights to protest for peace? That's not right, but that figures. That's the way it is here in Republican-controlled, conservative-veteran Citrus County. Yeah, we're backwards all right.

■ There has to be limitations in all facets of life. I want to thank the Citrus County schools for not letting the kids go demonstrate. Then they'll think that it's OK to demonstrate when they get older and have a job, that they can leave their jobs and go

demonstrate. It will be never-ending. There has to be a stop somewhere.

■ Students need to sit down, shut up and learn, grow up, get a job, pay taxes and then put their 2 cents in, too. What's wrong with these people?

■ I have been an educator for 52 years and was proud to see wonderful young people all over our country stand up and speak out on National School Walkout Day. Shame on the Citrus County School System for not allowing the students to partake of nonviolent protest and for punishing them when they tried to do so.

■ I'm very pleased to see all the letters to the editor in recent days condemning the school board — most importantly, Sam Himmel — for their actions regarding the kids walking out of school for 17 minutes. It truly would have been a teaching moment. They had no business doing it in the first place. I would like to see Sam Himmel on the courthouse steps apologizing personally to everybody in the county — the students, especially, but also us, the taxpayers. You owe the county and the schoolchildren an apology. There is absolutely no justifying your actions, especially when you had the cops there to back you up. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

■ I'm just reading your letters to the editor (March 19). This is the second day that I've seen where every letter is on the same topic. You know, you're slandering the school board and Mrs. (Sam) Himmel. I mean, come on. Put something else in there. We got your position on this. You know, we try to read the paper and get some news and some ideas, but, you know, when you start brainwashing, it's not a good thing. Have a good day.

■ I just finished reading all of those (Sound Offs, March 20) about the school walkout in the Hot Corner. Every one, except for one person, was against the schools for keeping the kids inside. Parents, did you think about this? Those kids would have been easy pickings for someone to shoot at them as they were walking out of the school. I applaud the school board for keeping our kids safe inside. Thank you.

■ Thank you, Citrus County school leaders and commissioners, for doing your job. Those kids did not need to walk out. If I walked out on my job, I would be fired. It should be no different for them. School is their job for now.

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Tempest over Trump-Putin call turns into uproar over leaks

ZEKE MILLER AND JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The tempest over President Donald Trump's congratulatory phone call to Vladimir Putin quickly grew on Wednesday into an uproar over White House leaks, sparking an internal investigation and speculation over who might be the next person Trump forces out of the West Wing.

The White House, which has suffered frequent leaks — at times of notable severity — said in a statement it would be a “fireable offense and likely illegal” to leak Trump's briefing papers to the press, after word emerged that the president had been warned in briefing materials not to congratulate the Russian president on his re-election.

Trump did so anyway, and on Wednesday he defended the call, saying George W. Bush did not have the “smarts” to work with Putin, and that Barack Obama and his secretary of state, Hillary Clinton “didn't have the energy or chemistry” with the Russian leader.

Aides had included guidance in Trump's talking points for the call to Putin stating: “DO NOT CONGRATULATE,” a senior administration official said Wednesday, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the official had not been authorized to discuss internal matters.

The document had been



Donald Trump



Vladimir Putin

accessible (and others) is a good thing, not a bad thing,” Trump said, adding that Russia can “help solve problems” from North Korea to “the coming Arms Race.”

The White House statement earlier Wednesday about a possible firing was an unusual threat and an indication of the seriousness with which the administration is treating the latest breach. Trump and Chief of Staff John Kelly are both angry over the disclosure, officials said, especially because of the small circle of distribution.

Trump has told confidants that he believes the leak was meant to embarrass and undermine him, said White House officials and outside advisers familiar with the president's thinking but not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

H.R. McMaster. They also said there now is an internal probe of the leak but provided no other details. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive internal deliberations. The White House is not formally acknowledging the veracity of the presidential guidance first reported by The Washington Post.

Trump defended his decision to congratulate Putin in his Wednesday tweets, saying Obama did the same in 2012. “Getting along with Russia

Final spending bill leaves out ‘dreamers,’ major wall money

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Negotiators on a \$1.3 trillion government spending bill dropped protections for so-called Dreamer immigrants and gave President Donald Trump only a partial victory on funding for his U.S.-Mexico border wall as talks entered the final stage on Wednesday.

A meeting of top congressional leaders produced tentative accords on two tax provisions and a decision to strengthen the criminal background check system for gun purchases. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said an official agreement on the sweeping measure would likely come “very soon.”

GOP aides said that Trump would win \$1.6 billion for a border wall and

physical barriers along the border, which would construct older wall designs and repair existing segments. But Trump would be denied a more recent, far larger \$25 billion request for multi-year funding for the wall project. Democrats said just \$641 million would go to new segments of fencing and walls that double as levees.

Negotiators planned to unveil the massive government-wide spending bill later in the day in hopes of passing it before a Friday midnight deadline to avoid a government shutdown.

A senior administration official said the White House is generally happy with the emerging deal. The person said the plan addresses the president's top priorities, including a large funding increase for the military, border security measures and money to fight the opioid epidemic.

The top four leaders of both House and Senate met Wednesday and emerged saying they basically had a deal.

“We're finalizing,” said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters, saying the bill would shortly be made public. “We're in a good place.”

The bill would give Trump a huge budget increase for the military, while Democrats would cement wins on infrastructure and other domestic programs that they failed to get under President Barack Obama. It funds a 2.4 percent pay raise for military personnel touted by Republicans.

The aides required anonymity because the agreement is not yet public.

Battles over budget priorities in the huge bill were all settled, while a handful of non-budget issues remained, including a GOP effort to fix a poorly drafted section of the recent tax cut law that is harming Midwestern grain companies.

At Wednesday's meeting, GOP aides said, top leaders including Ryan agreed to fix this so-called grain glitch — while adding a tax-credit provision sought by Democrats to boost low-income housing units.

They also said the agreement would add “Fix NICS” legislation designed to beef up compliance with gun background check reporting requirements.

As expected, the measure won't renew protections for young Dreamer immigrants facing possible deportation. It also won't provide subsidies to insurers who cut costs for low-earning customers. And it won't have federal payments to carriers to help them afford to cover their costliest clients.



Maj. Gen. Rogers Nicholas, theater commander, carries one of the freed school girls Wednesday from the Government Girls Science and Technical College Dapchi, during a handover to government officials in Maiduguri, Nigeria.

Boko Haram returns Nigerian girls

HARUNA UMAR AND KRISTA LARSON
Associated Press

DAPCHI, Nigeria — Boko Haram Islamic extremists brought back nearly all of the 110 girls they had kidnapped from a boarding school last month, dropping them off in the middle of the night Wednesday with a warning: “Don't ever put your daughters in school again.”

Several of the girls interviewed by The Associated Press said they had been traveling for days before the convoy of vehicles arrived in the center of the town of Dapchi around 2 a.m. Residents who had fled upon hearing that Boko Haram was headed their way watched from

hiding as dozens of girls descended from the vehicles apparently unharmed.

“We were freed because we are Muslim girls and they didn't want us to suffer. That is why they released us,” said Khadija Grema, one of the freed girls who said a Christian classmate remained captive.

The extraordinary development brought elation to most of the families, but more heartache for the relatives of the six girls still unaccounted for. The sister of one girl fainted Wednesday upon hearing that she was not among those freed.

One 14-year-old released by the fighters told reporters that five girls had died. She did not provide other details and it was not immediately

possible to independently verify her claim.

The abductions in Dapchi have evoked painful memories of the tragedy in Chibok, where 276 girls were kidnapped from their boarding school. Nearly four years later, about 100 of them have never returned home. Many had been forced to marry their captors and had children fathered by them.

The Nigerian government denied that it had paid a ransom or made a prisoner swap in exchange for the girls' freedom. The girls were released “through back-channel efforts and with the help of some friends of the country, and it was unconditional,” Information Minister Lai Mohammed told journalists in the capital, Abuja.

Around the NATION

MIAMI

Biden would ‘beat the hell’ out of Trump for disrespecting women

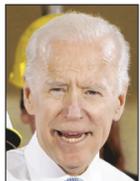
MIAMI — Former Vice President Joe Biden said he would “beat the hell” out of President Donald Trump if they were in high school together and Trump disrespected women.

The Democrat spoke Tuesday at an anti-sexual assault rally at the University of Miami.

“A guy who ended up becoming our national leader said, ‘I can grab a woman anywhere and she likes it,’” Biden said. “If we were in high school, I'd take him behind the gym and beat the hell out of him.”

Biden said any guy who disrespected women was “usually the fattest, ugliest S.O.B. in the room.”

The school's “It's on Us” rally sought to change on-campus culture surrounding sexual assault.



Joe Biden



Prince died April 21, 2016.

MINNEAPOLIS

Officials to turn over Prince investigative files to his family

Prosecutors in the county where Prince was found dead have agreed to provide his siblings with investigative documents so the family can determine whether civil litigation is warranted, according to a stipulation filed in court Wednesday.

The siblings and their attorneys must keep the information confidential, or could be held in contempt of

court, the agreement says. A judge hasn't yet signed off on it, according to court records, but that's typically a formality when both sides agree.

Prince was 57 when he was found alone and unresponsive in an elevator at his Paisley Park estate on April 21, 2016. An autopsy found he died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a synthetic opioid 50 times more powerful than heroin.

Search warrants released about a year later showed authorities searched his home, cellphone records of associates and his email accounts to try to determine how he got the drug. Authorities found numerous pills in various containers around Prince's home, including some counterfeit pills containing fentanyl. But the source of those drugs hasn't been determined.

Attorneys for Prince's siblings filed motions earlier this year to get the investigative data, including the medical examiner's investigation, so they could determine whether lawsuits were merited before the time expires to file civil claims. The statute of limitations could be two years in some cases.



Hazelton Patrolman Walt Mazur places a ticket Wednesday on the snow-covered windshield of a vehicle whose driver violated the snow emergency parking ban and parked on the wrong side of North Wyoming Street in Hazelton, Pa.

NEW YORK

NE gets clobbered with fourth snowstorm in three weeks

Spring kicked off with a wallop of wintry weather along the East Coast as the fourth nor'easter in three weeks dumped more than a foot of snow in some places Wednesday.

The first full day of the season included scenes of snow falling on blooming daffodils in suburban

Philadelphia, New Yorkers twisting to fix blown-out umbrellas, tractor-trailers stuck on snowy highways and kids making their first snowman of spring.

“I want warm! I'm done with the cold,” said Yana Damoiseau, a pedestrian in New York City.

Airlines canceled more than 4,000 flights, tens of thousands of customers lost power from West Virginia northward, and school districts throughout the Northeast called off classes ahead of the storm. At least two traffic deaths were reported in New Jersey and on New York's Long Island.

Up to 8 inches of snow had fallen in some Philadelphia suburbs by the evening, and more than a foot near Allentown, Pennsylvania. New York had at least 5 inches and braced for a total of 6 to 12. Forecasters said Boston could get 6 inches as the storm moved into New England.

“Winter will not relent,” said Panchito Ortega, who was clearing the sidewalk outside his soon-to-open restaurant in Philadelphia. “I don't like the shoveling part. I'm ready for it to kind of go away.”

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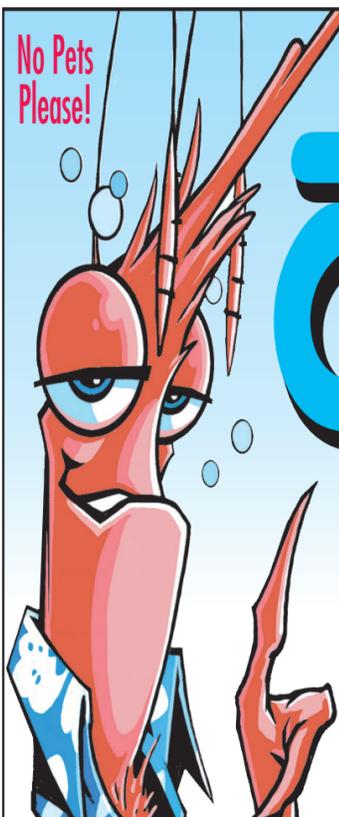
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The last year an NBA player had a 30-30 game against the Nets before Dwight Howard (32-30) on Wednesday night.



Dwight Howard

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The West is wide open

FSU faces Gonzaga in Sweet 16 contest tonight

BETH HARRIS
AP sports writer

LOS ANGELES — Gonzaga, Michigan and Texas A&M are no strangers to the Sweet 16.

Florida State? It's been 25 years for the Seminoles, who are brimming with confidence after knocking off No. 1 seed Xavier last weekend.

"Nobody had us here," Seminoles guard Braian Angola said.

Texas A&M took care of defending national champion North Carolina in the second round, ensuring neither of the region's top two seeds would be in Los Angeles.

The Aggies are seeking to make the Elite Eight for the first time in school history.

"The first time you get in a situation like this you're celebrating and everything's about having

fun," A&M coach Billy Kennedy said. "You want your guys to experience it all. Sometimes you experience too much of the success."

That wasn't the case with the start of SEC play in late December. After being ranked fifth early on, the Aggies lost their first five conference games and dropped off the radar.

They endured suspensions and injuries along the way.

"I believed that we could get it corrected, and I knew we had the pieces," Kennedy said.

Florida State has a lot of moving parts. The Seminoles use a 10- and 11-man rotation, which goes against what most teams do in reducing their bench as they go deeper into the postseason.

"Very, very impressive," Gonzaga coach Mark

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Florida State forward Phil Cofer answers questions during a news conference Wednesday in Los Angeles. Florida State faces Gonzaga in a NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 contest tonight.

Associated Press



Working on peaking



MATT PFIFFNER/Chronicle

Grace Tyler of Citrus, left, and Lecanto's Celine D'Anna clear a hurdle during the 100 hurdle finals Wednesday at the Doug Patton Memorial Track and Field Meet at Citrus High School in Inverness. D'Anna edged Tyler for the heat victory and finished second overall, while Tyler placed third. D'Anna also won the 300 hurdles.

Area track athletes turn in strong performances at Citrus' Doug Patton Memorial Meet

C.J. RISAK
Correspondent

INVERNESS — The exams continue.

Wednesday's Doug Patton Memorial Track and Field Meet, hosted by Citrus High School, provided a test for the nine girls teams and eight boys teams, the ultimate goal to be in peak condition by season's end, when the state-meet tests begin.

There were more than a few noteworthy performances turned in by county schools. Among the best came from Citrus' Israel Diaz, who claimed top honors in both the 200-meter race, winning in 24.17, and in the high jump, with an effort of 1.98 meters.

There were others, of course. Jacob Hensley, also from Citrus, won the 3,200 meters in 10:30.47 — far off his best race, but about where he wanted to be.

"I did pretty good," the junior distance standout

said. "I have a big race on Friday at South Sumter, so today was about — well, not going easy, because you can never go easy out here — just not trying to task myself too much.

"I ran a 10:30 for the two-mile, and on Friday I'm hoping to go under 9:40, which hopefully I would run with that group."

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McIlroy, Dustin Johnson, Mickelson lose openers

DOUG FERGUSON
AP golf writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Rory McIlroy put together another flawless back nine, running off five straight birdies.

This time, it wasn't enough.

Former U.S. Amateur champion Peter Uihlein built a 5-up lead against McIlroy and held off his late charge with enough key shots of his own in a 2-and-1 victory, one of several surprises Wednesday in the opening session of the Dell Technologies Match Play.

Defending champion Dustin Johnson hit two shots out-of-bounds on the same hole, another tee shot in the hazard and

couldn't make the putts that he couldn't afford to miss on the back nine. He wound up losing on the 17th hole to Bernd Wiesberger.

Justin Thomas also got a scare, mainly because his opponent had to putt with a sand wedge over the last 12 holes.

McIlroy was coming off a victory in the Arnold Palmer Invitational just three days ago, when he birdied five of his last six holes to win by three shots.

"I felt it was going to go two different ways," Uihlein said. "When a guy comes off a win, next week out they're either a little flat or still as hot as can be and they're just going to blitz it."

McIlroy was a little of both. He had a bogey, a double bogey and no birdies as Uihlein raced out to a 5-up lead through 10 holes.

McIlroy began his run of five straight birdies on No. 12, and it might have been enough had Uihlein not matched him with a birdie at the 12th and another one on the 13th, when he laid up into the wind on the short par 4 over water and stuffed a wedge into 5 feet.

"I made him earn it at least," McIlroy said. "I just came away a little fat. I didn't really necessarily play badly. He didn't make a bogey all day, so it was hard to sort of claw my way back."

McIlroy, along with Johnson, Phil

Mickelson and Tommy Fleetwood, now have to do some serious clawing to win their groups. All of them lost the opening match in their four-man groups and will need some help to advance to the weekend.

In the two years this round-robin format has been used, only four players have lost on Wednesday and won their group.

One of them was Johnson two years ago.

Mickelson, McIlroy and Johnson can't afford another loss, and even that might not be enough to reach the knockout stage on the weekend.

FSU's Taggart sets different tone

*Fast and fun first
spring practice*

JOE REEDY
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Willie Taggart's first practice at Florida State on Wednesday definitely had a different tone compared to his predecessor.

It also began a lot earlier.

The practice fields adjacent to Doak Campbell Stadium were abuzz with the sounds of AC/DC, Wiz Khalifa and Blake Shelton during the morning workouts instead of assistants yelling during the middle of the afternoon. The first practice was also at a quicker pace, with five-minute instruction periods instead of the 10-minute periods that were common under Jimbo Fisher.

Taggart wants to see the Seminoles play fast and not worry about making mistakes.

"It is going to be a fast practice. We'll get in and out. We'll do a lot of coaching in the film room," said Taggart, who was named coach on Dec. 5, less than a week after Fisher resigned to go to Texas A&M.

Many of the changes are staples of Taggart's previous stops at Western Kentucky, South Florida and Oregon. The changes have received rave reviews from the players.

Defensive tackle Marvin Wilson said last year was more like a job than having fun. A lot of that was due to the Seminoles going 7-6 and Fisher's



Florida State running backs coach Donte' Pimpleton, left, directs Cam Akers during the team's first spring NCAA college football practice Wednesday in Tallahassee.

messy exit.

Fisher had hoped to finish last season as Florida State's coach but resigned on Dec. 1 amid anger from the administration and parents when he wasn't forthcoming about pursuing the Texas A&M opening. Fisher now refers to the school he led to the 2013 national championship as "the other place" while Florida State President John Thrasher has said in a couple speeches to groups that he no longer holds his wallet when walking by the

football offices.

But there's nothing but positive vibes at Taggart's practices — so far.

"It doesn't feel like a job anymore. It feels like something we love," Wilson said. "You loved football in high school, now you love it again in college."

Taggart was quick to note that having fun will not get in the way of fundamentals and technique. But when a player does something noteworthy, like Cyrus Fagan did when he

intercepted a pass, it should be celebrated by the team.

"I don't believe in doing anything and not having fun," he said. "I'm big on quotes, as you know. Ralph Emerson said, 'Nothing great happens without enthusiasm.' I believe in that and want our guys to be that way daily."

On the field, Taggart and his assistants — which includes only one holdover from the previous staff — are using the 16 practices between now and the

April 14 spring game to get a better gage on their personnel. Taggart has told his players that the depth chart throughout the spring will be fluid and that those who grasp the system the quickest will rise to the top.

Most of the focus will be at quarterback Deondre Francois, who suffered a knee injury in last season's opener against Alabama, will be limited to non-contract drills as sophomore James Blackman and redshirt freshman Brady Hockman.

Blackman, who threw for 19 touchdowns and 11 interceptions last season, said he has been watching Oregon's games from last season to get a better grasp of the system.

"The play calls that they give us, we're getting them down pretty well," he said. "We've been working them out in 7-on-7 by ourselves."

Hockman said the play calls are a lot simpler and that the offense is "more toned down but it's effective."

Besides vying for spots on the depth chart, numbers one through nine on the roster are also up for grabs. Akers, who wore No. 4 last season, was wearing No. 23 on Wednesday.

Even though Akers rushed for 1,025 yards and seven touchdowns last season, Taggart said the players have to earn their numbers back, which Akers said he liked.

"I know when I was growing up the single digits went to the dudes. That's kind of how we want it," Taggart said. "Not everyone can be a single digit. Getting it is being one of the best."



Tampa Bay's Alex Cobb goes into his windup Sept. 4, 2017, during the first inning against the Minnesota Twins in St. Petersburg. Cobb, a free agent, and the Baltimore Orioles have finalized a four-year contract. The 30-year-old righty was 12-10 with a 3.66 ERA in 29 starts for Tampa Bay last season.

Cobb joins O's, stays in AL East

Associated Press

The Baltimore Orioles figured Alex Cobb would be a fine fit.

Cobb stayed in the division he knew best, finalizing a \$57 million, four-year contract on Wednesday.

"They used the AL East and the success I've had in it to their advantage," the 30-year-old right-hander said. "They kept challenging me with it and I love the challenge of pitching in this division and they know that over the times we talked. They did a really good job of making me feel like this is where I need to be."

Cobb had spent his entire six-season big league career with Tampa Bay and was the last top starting pitcher available in a slow-moving free agent market.

Cobb joined Andrew Cashner and Chris Tillman, who were signed last month, in a revamped rotation that includes holdovers Dylan Bundy and Kevin Gausman.

The Orioles are coming off a last-place finish and 75-87 record.

Cobb was 12-10 with a 3.66 ERA in 29 starts last season. He pitched 179 1/3 innings in his first full year back after missing nearly two seasons because of Tommy John surgery.

He had turned down the Rays' \$17.4 million qualifying offer in November, and Baltimore pursued him from the start of free agency.

Cobb is 48-35 with a 3.50 ERA in the majors.

**GRAPEFRUIT LEAGUE
RED SOX 8, RAYS 3**

J.D. Martinez doubled, singled

and drove in three runs and Blake Swihart homered for Boston. C.J. Cron homered for Tampa Bay.

ASTROS 8, NATIONALS 3

Houston starter Lance McCullers Jr. struck out six over 5 1/3 shutout innings, allowing two hits. Josh Reddick homered, tripled and singled. Washington starter Gio Gonzalez gave up eight runs in 4 2/3 innings. Nationals second baseman Daniel Murphy said he'll likely begin the season on the disabled list while recovering from knee surgery.

CARDINALS 13, MARLINS 6

Marcell Ozuna, Matt Carpenter and Paul DeJong all homered for St. Louis. Cameron Maybin and Garrett Cooper doubled for Miami.

PHILLIES 7, BLUE JAYS 7

Rhys Hoskins hit two home runs, including a drive off Toronto starter Marcus Stroman. Philadelphia prospect Scott Kingery had a pinch-hit homer — he is batting .390 this spring with four home runs. Roemon Fields hit a tying RBI triple in the ninth.

TWINS 3, PIRATES 1

Jose Berrios allowed a run over five innings, lowering his spring training ERA to 1.69. Logan Morrison doubled and had two hits to up his average to .381, and Jason Castro added two hits and an RBI. Pirates starter Trevor Williams gave up two runs but struck out eight in 5 1/3 innings.

BRAVES 3, TIGERS 2

Brandon McCarthy struck out four and pitched two-run ball over six innings for Atlanta. The former Dodgers starter has a 1.42 ERA this spring. Preston Tucker had two hits and two RBIs in his bid to break camp with Atlanta.

YANKEES 9, ORIOLES 4

Aaron Judge had two homers and four RBIs while New York roughed up Miguel Castro. Greg Bird and Didi Gregorius each drove in two runs for New York, and Aroldis Chapman struck out two of the three batters he faced. Castro allowed five runs in three innings.

CACTUS LEAGUE BREWERS 4, ATHLETICS 3

Wade Miley gave up two runs and three hits in four innings, and Eric Thames hit a two-run homer. Daniel Mengden yielded two runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings. Chad Pinder homered.

CUBS 5, RANGERS 1

Yu Darvish struck out seven in six innings, allowing three hits that included Juan Centeno's leadoff homer in the third. Kris Bryant and Kyle Schwarber homered.

PADRES 4, WHITE SOX 3

Eric Hosmer hit his fourth homer, a two-run drive in the fifth. Padres starter Luis Perdomo gave up one run and five hits in five innings, and Chicago's Reynaldo Lopez allowed three runs and five hits in five innings.

LeBron carries Cavs by Raptors

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 35 points and added 17 assists, his last setting up a late 3-pointer by Kevin Love, and the undermanned Cleveland Cavaliers ended Toronto's nine-game road winning streak with a 132-129 victory over the Eastern Conference-leading Raptors on Wednesday night.

Love, playing his second game after missing 21 games with a broken left hand, finished with 23 points and 12 rebounds.

Kyle Lowry scored 24 and DeRozan had 21 for the Raptors.

Heat 119, Knicks 98

MIAMI — Kelly Olynyk scored 22 points and handed out a career-high 10 assists, Tyler Johnson added 22 points and the Miami Heat had little trouble on the way to beating the New York Knicks 119-98.

Enes Kanter scored 23 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Knicks.

76ers 119, Grizzlies 105

PHILADELPHIA — Robert Covington, J.J. Redick and Dario Saric each had 15 points to pace all five Philadelphia starters in double-figures, and the 76ers continued their push for home-court advantage in the playoffs with a 119-105 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Wayne Selden Jr. had 18 points to lead Memphis.

Nuggets 135, Bulls 102

CHICAGO — Nikola Jokic had 21 points, seven rebounds and five assists on "Serbian Heritage Night," and the Denver Nuggets routed the Chicago Bulls 135-102.

Paul Millsap had 22 points and eight rebounds in 27 minutes.

Cristiano Felicio scored 16 points for the Bulls.

Hornets 111, Nets 105

NEW YORK — Dwight Howard had 32 points and 30 rebounds, becoming the first player with a 30-30 game against the Nets since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1978, and the Charlotte Hornets stormed back to beat Brooklyn 111-105.

D'Angelo Russell scored 19 points and LeVert added 11 for the Nets.

Clippers 127, Bucks 120

MILWAUKEE — DeAndre Jordan had 25 points and 22 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Clippers past the Milwaukee Bucks 127-120.

Khris Middleton paced Milwaukee with 23 points. Jabari Parker added 20.

Pelicans 96, Pacers 92

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis capped a 28-point, 13-rebound, five-block performance with a 15-foot baseline fade, a gritty put-back and two free throws in the final minute, and the New Orleans Pelicans outlasted the Indiana Pacers 96-92.

E'Twaun Moore scored 23 for New Orleans.



Toronto's Fred VanVleet, right, drives against Cleveland's Kevin Love during the first half Wednesday in Cleveland.

BASEBALL

MLB spring training

Wednesday's Games
 Boston 8, Tampa Bay 3
 Houston 8, Washington 3
 St. Louis 13, Miami 6
 Philadelphia 7, Toronto 7
 Chicago Cubs 5, Texas 1
 Milwaukee (ss) 4, Oakland 3
 San Diego 4, Chicago White Sox 3
 Atlanta 3, Detroit 2
 Minnesota 3, Pittsburgh 1
 N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 4
 Kansas City vs. Cleveland, late
 San Francisco vs. Arizona, late
 Milwaukee (ss) vs. Seattle, late

Today's Games
 Atlanta vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, 1:05 p.m.
 Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, 1:07 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
 Toronto (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, 6:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, 6:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Texas (ss) at Surprise, Ariz., 9:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Texas (ss) vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 9:40 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Men's NCAA Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
 At TD Garden
 Boston
Regional Semifinals
 Friday, March 23
 Villanova (32-4) vs. West Virginia (26-10), 7:27 p.m.
 Purdue (30-6) vs. Texas Tech (26-9), 9:57 p.m.
SOUTH REGIONAL
 At Philips Arena
 Atlanta
Regional Semifinals
 Today
 Nevada (29-7) vs. Loyola of Chicago (30-5), 7:07 p.m.
 Kansas State (24-11) vs. Kentucky (26-10), 9:37 p.m.
MIDWEST REGIONAL
 At CenturyLink Center Omaha
 Omaha, Neb.
Regional Semifinals
 Friday, March 23
 Kansas (29-7) vs. Clemson (25-9), 7:07 p.m.
 Duke (28-7) vs. Syracuse (23-13), 9:37 p.m.
WEST REGIONAL
 At STAPLES Center
 Los Angeles
Regional Semifinals
 Today
 Texas A&M (22-12) vs. Michigan (30-7), 7:37 p.m.
 Florida St (22-11) vs. Gonzaga (32-4), 10:07 p.m.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	53	19	.736	—
x-Boston	48	23	.676	4½
Philadelphia	40	30	.571	12
New York	26	46	.361	27
Brooklyn	23	49	.319	30
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	40	30	.571	—
Miami	39	33	.542	2
Charlotte	31	41	.431	10
Orlando	21	50	.296	19½
Atlanta	21	50	.296	19½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	42	29	.592	—
Indiana	41	31	.569	1½
Milwaukee	37	34	.521	5
Detroit	32	39	.451	10
Chicago	24	47	.338	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	57	14	.803	—
New Orleans	42	30	.583	15½
San Antonio	41	30	.577	16
Dallas	22	49	.310	35
Memphis	19	52	.268	38
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	44	27	.620	—
Oklahoma City	43	30	.589	2
Minnesota	41	31	.569	3½
Utah	40	31	.563	4
Denver	39	33	.542	5½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	53	18	.746	—
L.A. Clippers	38	33	.535	15
L.A. Lakers	31	39	.443	21½
Sacramento	23	49	.319	30½
Phoenix	19	53	.264	34½

x-clinched playoff spot
 y-clinched division
Wednesday's Games
 Cleveland 132, Toronto 129
 Philadelphia 119, Memphis 105
 Charlotte 111, Brooklyn 105
 Miami 119, New York 98
 Denver 135, Chicago 102
 L.A. Clippers 127, Milwaukee 120
 New Orleans 96, Indiana 92
 Washington at San Antonio, late
Today's Games
 Memphis at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Houston, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

GOLF

Dell Match Play

At Austin Country Club; Austin, Texas
 Yardage: 7,108. Par: 71
First Round
Wednesday
 (Seedings in parentheses)
 Pat Perez (15), United States, halved with Si Woo Kim (50), South Korea.
 Gary Woodland (24), United States, halved with Webb Simpson (37), United States.
 Justin Thomas (2), United States, def. Luke List (60), United States, 2 up.
 Francesco Molinari (21), Italy, def. Patton Kizzire (48), United States, 3 and 1.
 Tyrrell Hatton (12), England, def. Alexander Levy (55), France, 3 and 2.
 Brendan Steele (36), United States, def. Charley Hoffman (22), United States, 1 up.
 Hideki Matsuyama (5), Japan, def. Yusaku Miyazato (53), Japan, 2 and 1.
 Cameron Smith (46), Australia, def. Patrick Cantlay (30), United States, 2 up.
 Alex Noren (13), Sweden, def. Kevin Na (61), United States, 4 and 2.
 Tony Finau (29), United States, def. Thomas Pieters (39), Belgium, 2 and 1.
 Jordan Spieth (4), United States, def. Charl Schwartzel (49), South Africa, 2 and 1.
 Patrick Reed (19), United States, def. Li Haotong (34), China, 3 and 2.
 Ian Poulter (58), England, def. Tommy Fleetwood (9), England, 3 and 2.
 Kevin Chappell (33), United States, def. Daniel Berger (26), United States, 3 and 2.
 Jason Day (8), Australia, def. James Hahn (56), United States, 4 and 2.
 Louis Oosthuizen (25), South Africa, def. Jason Dufner (42), United States, 1 up.
 Matt Kuchar (16), United States, halved with Zach Johnson (54), United States.
 Yuta Ikeda (47), Japan, def. Ross Fisher (27), England, 2 and 1.

Florida **LOTTERY**

Here are the winning numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery:

PICK 2 (early)
0 - 7

PICK 2 (late)
0 - 7

PICK 3 (early)
9 - 6 - 1

PICK 3 (late)
1 - 8 - 9

PICK 4 (early)
9 - 3 - 3 - 9

PICK 4 (late)
8 - 3 - 6 - 1

PICK 5 (early)
8 - 1 - 2 - 5 - 6

PICK 5 (late)
9 - 8 - 5 - 2 - 0

FANTASY 5
3 - 4 - 9 - 14 - 32

LOTTO
2 - 6 - 8 - 22 - 35 - 52

XTRA
5

POWERBALL
3 - 4 - 18 - 29 - 61

POWER BALL
25

Tuesday's winning numbers and payouts:

Lucky Money: 2 - 17 - 27 - 43
Lucky Ball: 9
 4-of-4 LB No winner
 4-of-4 5 winners \$999.50
 3-of-4 LB 35 \$313
 3-of-4 566 \$57
 2-of-4 LB 1,131 \$20
 1-of-4 LB 10,773 \$2.50
 2-of-4 18,171 \$2

Mega Millions: 14 - 38 - 51 - 64 - 70
Mega Ball: 9
 5-of-5 MB No winner
 5-of-5 No winner
 4-of-5 MB No winner
 4-of-5 25 winners \$500
 3-of-5 MB 100 \$200
 3-of-5 2,235 \$10
 2-of-5 MB 2,104 \$10

Fantasy 5: 7 - 14 - 25 - 26 - 27
 5-of-5 6 winners \$33,589.84
 4-of-5 283 \$114.50
 3-of-5 9,267 \$9.50

Players should verify winning numbers by calling 850-487-7777 or at www.flalottery.com.

On the **AIRWAVES**

TODAY'S SPORTS

SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL

6 a.m. (MLB) Boston Red Sox at Tampa Bay Rays (Taped)
9 a.m. (MLB) Oakland Athletics at Milwaukee Brewers (Taped)
1 p.m. (ESPN2) New York Yankees at Minnesota Twins
4 p.m. (MLB) Kansas City Royals at Milwaukee Brewers
7 p.m. (MLB) Washington Nationals at New York Mets (Same-day Tape)
11 p.m. (MLB) Chicago Cubs at San Francisco Giants (Same-day Tape)
2 a.m. (MLB) Toronto Blue Jays at Pittsburgh Pirates (Same-day Tape)

COLLEGE BASEBALL

8 p.m. (ESPN) Gonzaga at BYU
MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
7 p.m. (CBS) Loyola-Chicago vs Nevada
7:30 p.m. (TBS) Texas A&M vs Michigan
9:30 p.m. (CBS) Kansas State vs Kentucky
10 p.m. (TBS) Florida State vs Gonzaga

NBA

7 p.m. (FSNFL, NBA) Philadelphia 76ers at Orlando Magic
BOXING
9 p.m. (ESPN) Ryan Garcia vs. Fernando Vargas

GOLF

10:30 a.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship, First Round
2 p.m. (GOLF) PGA Tour WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, Day 2
8:20 p.m. (GOLF) LPGA Tour Kia Classic, First Round (Same-day Tape)

GYMNASTICS

1 a.m. (NBCSPT) FIG World Cup (Taped)

NHL

7 p.m. (SUN) Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Islanders
7:30 p.m. (NBCSPT) Washington Capitals at Detroit Red Wings
10 p.m. (NBCSPT) Vegas Golden Knights at San Jose Sharks

FIGURE SKATING

12 p.m. (NBCSPT) World Championships: Men's Short (Same-day Tape)
3 p.m. (NBCSPT) World Championships: Pairs' Free Program

TENNIS

11 a.m. (TENNIS) Miami Open: ATP 1st Round, WTA 2nd Round
7 p.m. (TENNIS) Miami Open: ATP 1st Round, WTA 2nd Round
11:30 p.m. (TENNIS) Miami Open, ATP First Round/WTA Second Round (Same-day Tape)

Prep **CALENDAR**

TODAY'S PREP SPORTS

GIRLS TENNIS

3:30 p.m. Hernando at Crystal River
BOYS TENNIS

3:30 p.m. Crystal River at Hernando

FLAG FOOTBALL

6 p.m. Crystal River at West Port
6 p.m. Citrus at Lecanto

BASEBALL

4 p.m. Seven Rivers at Citrus Park Christian
SOFTBALL

7 p.m. Seven Rivers at Central
7 p.m. Citrus at South Sunter

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Bernd Wiesberger (52), Austria, def. Dustin Johnson (1), United States, 3 and 1. Kevin Kisner (32), United States, halved with Adam Hadwin (38), Canada. Julian Suri (64), United States, def. Marc Leishman (11), Australia, 3 and 2. Bubba Watson (35), United States, def. Branden Grace (23), South Africa, 5 and 3. Peter Uihlein (57), United States, def. Rory McIlroy (6), Northern Ireland, 2 and 1. Brian Harman (18), United States, halved with Jhonattan Vegas (44), Venezuela. Charles Howell III (59), United States, def. Phil Mickelson (14), United States, 3 and 2. Rafa Cabrera Bello (17), Spain, def. Satoshi Kodaira (40), Japan, 2 and 1. Jon Rahm (3), Spain, halved with Keegan Bradley (63), United States. Kiradech Aphibarnrat (28), Thailand, def. Chez Reavie (43), United States, 3 and 2. Paul Casey (10), England, def. Russell Henley (51), United States, 1 up. Kyle Stanley (45), United States, def. Matt Fitzpatrick (31), United States, 1 up. Sergio Garcia (7), Spain, def. Shubhankar Sharma (62), India, 1 up. Xander Schauffele (20), United States, def. Dylan Frittelli (41), South Africa, 1 up.	73	42	24	7	91	229	217
Washington	73	42	24	7	91	229	217
Pittsburgh	74	42	27	5	89	243	225
Columbus	74	41	28	5	87	210	206
Philadelphia	74	37	25	12	86	222	220
New Jersey	73	37	28	8	82	219	221
Carolina	73	31	31	11	73	197	232
N.Y. Rangers	73	32	33	8	72	211	236
N.Y. Islanders	73	31	32	10	72	235	263
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Nashville	72	48	14	10	106	236	178
Winnipeg	73	44	19	10	98	242	190
Minnesota	73	41	24	8	90	227	210
Colorado	73	40	25	8	88	236	210
St. Louis	73	40	28	5	85	203	194
Dallas	74	38	28	8	84	212	201
Chicago	74	30	35	9	69	209	228
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	73	47	21	5	99	248	200
San Jose	73	41	23	9	91	225	201
Los Angeles	74	40	27	7	87	212	186
Anaheim	73	37	24	12	86	206	197
Calgary	74	35	29	10	80	204	222
Edmonton	73	32	36	5	69	208	234
Arizona	73	25	37	11	61	179	231
Vancouver	73	25	39	9	59	187	240

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 3
 Arizona 4, Buffalo 1
 St. Louis 2, Boston 1, OT
 Anaheim at Calgary, late
Today's Games
 N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Arizona at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Vegas at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Lecanto lifters claim regional crown again

Chronicle

Even though Lecanto boys weightlifting splits off from the rest of the county come postseason, the Panthers are starting to experience a bit of familiarity as each season passes. Last year, a Class 2A-District 6 loss to Sunlake was followed by a 1-point win over the Seahawks for the Region 3 win.

On Wednesday at Sunlake High School, history repeated itself. Off the backs of three first-place performances from Shane Thornton at 139, Jonah Mele at heavyweight and Sid Berkey at 238, the Panthers escaped with a 37-36 victory.

"Our kids came out and did what they had to do," Lecanto coach Greg

Harper said. "It wasn't our best meet, but it was enough."

Now the three regional champions for the Panthers will be preparing for the State Championship at Arnold High School on Saturday, April 7.

Thornton will be the only lifter from Lecanto with prior state experience after making it as a first-time lifter last season, but failing to make weight at 129. Harper said Thornton will be entering the meet with a chip on his shoulder, "itching to have a different experience than he did last time."

Other Lecanto lifters who didn't place first at regionals still have an outside shot at punching a ticket to the state meet, but will have to wait until all other regions tally results.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Behuniak, Pirates blank Zephyrhills

Jake Behuniak struck out four in a complete-game 3-0 shutout against Zephyrhills on Wednesday in a consolation game of the Farm Bureau Classic in Hernando County.

Seth Purnell had a hit and scored a run, while Jackson Murray and Billy Henderson each had RBI sacrifice flies.

The Pirates (3-9) finish off the tournament today against an opponent yet to be determined.

Panthers dominate Forest for district victory

The Lecanto girls tennis team hosted district rival Forest on Wednesday and handed the Wildcats a 6-1 loss.

Singles winners for the Panthers were No. 1 Julia Javier (6-1, 6-0), No. 2 Vaishnavi Karanam (6-2, 6-1), No. 4 Danielle Welton (6-4, 3-6, 11-9) and No. 5 Andrea Javier (6-4, 6-2). Winning in doubles were Julia and Andrea Javier (8-8 (10-3)) and Amanda Ellis and Karanam (8-6).

The Panthers (3-4) travel to Gaineville today.

IndyCar inks 3-year deal with NBC Sports

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NBC Sports

Group has acquired the media rights to IndyCar beginning next season in a three-year deal that moves the Indianapolis 500 to a new network for the first time since 1965.

IndyCar most recently had been split between ABC and NBC Sports, and only ABC was permitted to air races on broadcast television. NBC was relegated to cable.

Under the new contract, eight IndyCar races will be on broadcast next season, up from five that ABC will air this year. The rest of the schedule will be on NBC Sports Network.

Louisville parts ways with Padgett, begins search

Louisville has let David Padgett go after one season as the Cardinals' interim men's basketball coach.

Padgett went 22-14 after being elevated from second-year Louisville assistant last fall after the school placed coach Rick Pitino on unpaid administrative leave following its acknowledgement that it was being investigated in a federal corruption probe of college basketball.

Pitino was fired in October after 16 seasons. The 33-year-old Padgett guided the team to a quarterfinal appearance in the NIT.

— From staff and wire reports

PEAKING

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That group includes "Trevor Foley, he's from Tampa, he's a very established runner, he's run 4:15 (in the 1,600) and 9:12 for the 3,200. He's going to be out there, and we're going to try and throw it down, because I haven't been able to really, really race with anyone this year, besides tonight."

His Hurricanes' coach, Nick Martone — a 2009 Citrus grad whose dad coached the team last year and whose brother is a senior at Citrus this year — was impressed with Hensley's performance.

"Jacob took a first place tonight, he's one of our stellar athletes," Martone said. "He's got a lot ahead of him. Even coming in first, he left a lot out on the table because he's saving up for Friday (at the South Sumter Invitational), where there's some real competition."

They weren't the only impressive performances for the Hurricanes.

Bagging the old gobbler 'Big Casino'

The old gobbler I had come to know as "Big Casino," didn't hesitate to close the distance once he got his eyes on my decoy set up. He lowered his plumage to a half strut, stretched his neck out forward and came in at a quick step to flog what he thought was an intruding jake. After a bit of history with this dominant tom, I was thrilled to watch him charging in to pick a fight. I lifted my old Winchester into position and slipped off the safety. He must have heard the safety button click off, because he put on the brakes and lifted his head up, and stood there about 12 steps away, and gave me a steady, defiant glare.



Toby Benoit
REBEL YELL OUTDOORS

It was a perfect morning hunt that almost didn't happen. My plans for opening morning hadn't included a hunt for Big Casino, but were to hunt a different property altogether. Like most years, I had planned to spend opening morning of spring gobbler season in a secluded corner of the Richloom WMA. All of my preparations for the hunt had taken place there. I had birds roosted, blinds in place and shooting lanes cleared in anticipation of opening morning. Then, last Wednesday, I got the news that my plans were being rearranged for me.

I learned that two of my grandbabies had T-ball and softball games that Saturday morning. As badly as I wanted to, there was no way I could allow myself any time to hunt there then cover the hour-long drive home to be at the ball field by 10. It was then I decided that if I hunt local I'd still have a couple of hours

to hunt and still get to see my grandbabies take the field.

Thursday morning arrived and I took the kids to the bus stop and headed to a small parcel of land near my home where I'd unsuccessfully hunted the big tom I'd given the nickname Big Casino last spring. I hunted that bird nine different mornings and had even introduced a few new friends from Kansas to him last season and he outsmarted them as well.

Wouldn't ya know it though, after I dropped the little guys off at the bus stop, I drove out to his old strutting grounds and as soon as I made the turn into the property, there he stood in full strut tending a half-dozen hens. I picked up my binoculars and there was no mistaking him. Big Casino!

From a comfortable distance, I continued to watch him with his harem and one thing I took note of, was that there were no jakes or satellite toms hanging around. That bit of information I contemplated at length over the next couple of days and decided that he must be pretty territorial and has been wing-whipping and spurring any other toms out of his area. Now during all of my previous encounters with that bird, I'd employed only a single standing hen decoy, or else hunted him with no decoys at all. He'd never failed to answer my calls, he just would never close the distance, arrogantly gobbling back, expecting any willing hens to come to him for the honor of toting away a bit of his DNA.

Before the hunt, I dug around in my room full of turkey hunting paraphernalia looking for a jake decoy and pulled out the "Funky Chicken." This particular decoy is probably the skinniest, nerdiest, goofball of a jake decoy ever manufactured and was designed specifically for aggravating a boss tom's territorial instinct. And that's a tip for any of you who find yourselves hunting gobblers that



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"Big Casino," taken by Toby Benoit on private land in Citrus County.

always seem to hang up, just out of gun range wanting the hens to come to them, it may be just the trick to pull him out of strut and into your kill zone. It might not be a fool-proof strategy, but on that day, with that ornery old devil with a history of hanging up, it worked.

I snuck into the old tram road he uses as a strut zone and placed a standing hen decoy on a short stake so that she was flat of the ground in a breeding position and placed old Funky a step or two behind her as if he were preparing to mount the hen and slipped off to one side and took a seat beneath an ancient old hickory tree.

When daylight approached, I played a string of tree yelps on a glass-topped friction call I'd made a few years back and soon after could hear his wing beats as he left his roost. He gobbled once on the

ground and I waited a bit before playing him a set of breeding yelps and immediately he gobbled back. Being an unpredictable bird, I wasn't sure which way he would go once he'd flown down onto that road, but luck was with me and it wasn't long before I could see him strutting on that trail just around the bend. A pair of hens arrived to join him and he stepped out a bit further so they could admire his plumage when he caught sight of old Funky and my hen.

Two minutes later, he accepted my invitation to ride home in my vest pouch and I even made it to the ball park with an extra 15 minutes to spare!

As always, if you have any questions or a story to share, feel free to reach out to me at RebelYellOutdoors@Gmail.com. God bless and good hunting!

Windows of opportunity for great fishing in Citrus

The fishing has been reel decent when you can get a good day in between these crazy weather fronts of wind, rain and cool temps. Don't get me wrong, we can use the rain, especially to help settle the pollen, but not when you've planned a fishing trip. Which, kinda leads me into the story.



Rick Burns
FISHING REPORT

Besides having the saltwater Gulf right out our west window and the Atlantic right out our east window, guess what we have right in our living room? Some of Florida's most beautiful lakes and rivers for freshwater fishing!

Everyone knows that Florida is the sport fishing capital of the world. More I.G.F.A. records have been set here than anywhere on the planet and the Nature Coast is right in the hub of it all.

With the historic Withlacoochee river and the pristine, gin-clear Rainbow Rivers; the freshwater fishing can be adventurous and profitable. From bass, to black crappie, or "specks" as us natives call 'em,

to catfish and bluegill. The hook-setting can be quite memorable.

Our Tsala-Apopka chain of lakes in Citrus County includes Hernando, Croft, Van Ness, Hendersons, Spiveys and Floral City pools. Did I mention Rouseau? You get the idea.

The moss-filled oaks, cedars, magnolias and cypress trees, lining the shores are beautiful to take in, while fishing for your favorite species.

Shutter clickers could surely keep busy at any point and time by spotting gators, many various birds, including bald eagles, hog, turkey, deer, otters and other wildlife to capture on film. For salt, freshwater fishing and boating enjoyment the possibilities are endless, thanks in part to the good water quality, food source and conservation.

However, we also offer brackish fishing on the beautiful spring-fed Crystal, Homosassa and Chassahowitzka rivers. You have a chance to catch a snook or redfish on one cast and then a bass on the next. You never know. And these three beautiful rivers will give quick access to the bountiful Gulf of Mexico that would definitely fill an angler or outdoor enthusiast's needs. From our popular resident homeboy species like spotted sea trout, redfish and grouper; to our pelagic migratory fish such as cobia, tarpon, kingfish and



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Boston angler Kirsten Bedard with just one of her first-ever Florida spotted Seatrout she recently caught.

Spanish mackerel. Which by the way, the Homosassa area holds the state record for the tasty sheepshead species at 15 pounds 2 ounces, caught on conventional tackle and the

world record tarpon caught with a fly rod at 202 pounds in 2011, on 20-pound tippet.

You could literally compass out a 30-mile radius from anywhere in the county, fish

everyday for a year and never see the same spot of water twice.

Fresh or saltwater, there's plenty of action and variety to keep an anglers rod bent in the Nature Coast. Plus, don't forget what Citrus County is almost exclusive for in the state; one of the last locations where you can still swim with the West Indian Manatee, which makes our spring fed rivers their home in the winter.

Also, this area is only one of about three places left in the state where you can recreationally snorkel and harvest the tasty bay Scallop from July 1 to Sept. 25.

We truly do have, "the best windows of opportunity." I say it all the time; we live in the best place in the world for angling, boating and outdoor variety. Where else can you do these 365 days a year, weather permitting? Welcome to the beautiful part of Florida we call the "Nature Coast." Angling heaven!

And don't forget the Homosassa Shrimpa Palooza Mardi Gras festival this Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hope to see ya there, or on the water.

Capt. Rick Burns runs Reel Burns Charters out of Homosassa. He can be contacted at 352-201-6111 or visit his website at www.homosassa.fishingguide.com.

Citrus County FISHING REPORTS

FRESHWATER

WITHLACOOCHEE/RAINBOW/LAKE ROUSSEAU — Conditions are progressively improving, according to Captain Bob Jewett out of Angler's Resort in Dunnellon. Find bass up the Withlacoochee biting on wild and domestic shiners. Also try out around Blue Cove with wild shiners. Bluegill are hitting on wigglers and crickets, while crappie are biting on minnows and yellow-yellow jigs.

LAKE ROUSSEAU

Bill Burgess of Lake Rousseau RV and Fishing said bass are continuing to spawn, with Rapalas and ChatterBait working best, or try using a green watermelon with red fleck lizard without a weight. Crappie is biting on minnows in 5-7 feet of water, use a crappie pole and start trolling around. Bluegill isn't hitting in great quantities, but those that were caught have been thick and fat.

SALTWATER

WITHLACOOCHEE — Hook-Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle in Inglis reports sheepsheads doing well along inshore and offshore structure. Find trout in the grass flats and near deeper inshore structure. Redfish is still transitioning from the back country to the outside structures. Spanish mackerel is beginning to show up. The snook bite has turned on in the last week, with several caught

in Yankeetown. Lots of shrimp has been sold and redfish are also hitting on mud minnows.

CRYSTAL RIVER/BARGE CANAL — Ed's Tackle Shop reports sheepshead doing well on rock piles in 10-15 feet of water using shrimp. Trout are biting on shrimp and DOA pearl or glow jerk tail.

HOMOSSASSA RIVER — It has been quiet, said Bill Korade of Blue Water Bait and Tackle. There have been a couple redfish reports from Ozello back in the area of St. Martins Keys. Snook and redfish are back in the dark water and going for live shrimp.

KING'S BAY — Mark Brewer of Pete's Pier in Crystal River reports the redfish bite remains strong. Look for mangrove spots with a little bit of water and oyster bars, as the redfish pile up with mullet. Use live shrimp or pinfish under a popping cork with a jig head, or try free-lining in real rocky areas. Most of the trout has moved in from offshore, use DOA jerk bait, live bait on a hook that's 2/0 or 3/0 or a Lil John. Try to slow jig out on the flats, while floating live pinfish on a popping cork for

bigger trout and cobia. Snook is anywhere the water is moving, as well as rocky areas and the points of the islands. Use artificial bait.

SALT RIVER — Twin Rivers Marina in Crystal River reports trout, redfish and sheepshead coming in over the weekend. There's also some flounder, with all fish being caught out in the Gulf, mostly using shrimp or squid.

AROUND CITRUS

Captain William Toney (352-422-4141) said, "There is much to be said about good fishing. Earlier this week before the cold front most all anglers fishing on the Nature Coast experienced an excellent bite. Oh, but what can happen in the time of 24 hours. As to be expected the day or two before a cold front and even during the front fish will turn on. Generally the wind will be from the southwest and makes a good tide for our area and after the front it goes northwest to north, then northeast, and low, low tides.

"During the last cold snap I found some trout midways in the Little Homosassa River and St. Martins River. What both spots

had in common was tall islands that blocked the north wind and the southern sun was shining against the north side of the rivers. It was the warmest spot I could find for my clients and the fish must have felt the same way. It was old school fishing with a popping cork and live shrimp but over the course of a few hours we managed seven keeper trout and an undersized snook. We dressed for the weather and were comfortable during the warmest part of the day.

"Still good action on the near-shore rocks with more Spanish mackerel moving in. The redfish bite has picked up on the inside keys at the last hour of incoming tide. Pinfish has been the best bait. Snook are scattered around but when you find them they are in tight bunches. Check around the outside keys with sandy holes to find them. High incoming tide will be in the morning this weekend."

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Tide charts

	Chassahowitzka*		Crystal River**		Homosassa***		Withlacoochee*	
	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low	High/Low
THURS 3/22	10:46 a.m. 10:52 p.m.	5:56 a.m. 3:39 p.m.	9:05 a.m. 8:55 p.m.	3:10 a.m. 2:55 p.m.	9:31 a.m. 9:07 p.m.	3:46 a.m. 3:14 p.m.	6:01 a.m. 5:08 p.m.	12:05 p.m.
FRI 3/23	11:40 a.m. 11:50 p.m.	7:12 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	10:02 a.m. 9:46 p.m.	4:08 a.m. 3:34 p.m.	10:26 a.m. 9:55 p.m.	4:33 a.m. 3:50 p.m.	7:10 a.m. 5:49 p.m.	1:14 a.m. 12:51 p.m.
SAT 3/24	12:41 p.m. —	8:30 a.m. 3:56 p.m.	11:02 a.m. 10:43 p.m.	5:18 a.m. 4:32 p.m.	1:29 p.m. —	9:14 a.m. 5:38 p.m.	8:45 a.m. 6:47 p.m.	2:28 a.m. 1:56 p.m.
SUN 3/25	12:55 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	9:42 a.m. 4:16 p.m.	12:07 p.m. 11:47 p.m.	6:36 a.m. 6:08 p.m.	11:47 a.m. 10:53 p.m.	7:14 a.m. 4:36 p.m.	10:26 a.m. 8:21 p.m.	3:59 a.m. 3:33 p.m.
MON 3/26	2:05 a.m. 3:22 p.m.	10:42 a.m. 5:19 p.m.	1:29 p.m. —	7:48 a.m. 7:35 p.m.	12:04 a.m. 3:06 p.m.	10:24 a.m. 7:01 p.m.	11:39 a.m. 10:22 p.m.	5:27 a.m. 5:22 p.m.
TUES 3/27	3:17 a.m. 4:28 p.m.	11:32 a.m. 9:53 p.m.	1:01 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	8:48 a.m. 8:40 p.m.	1:30 a.m. 4:14 p.m.	11:18 a.m. 8:52 p.m.	12:29 p.m. 11:48 p.m.	6:36 a.m. 6:41 p.m.
WED 3/28	4:26 a.m. 5:08 p.m.	12:14 p.m. 11:09 p.m.	2:20 a.m. 3:42 p.m.	9:39 a.m. 9:37 p.m.	3:10 a.m. 5:02 p.m.	12:03 p.m. 10:46 p.m.	— 1:09 p.m.	7:29 a.m. 7:39 p.m.

*From mouths of rivers. **At Kings Bay. ***At Mason's Creek.



Gloria Yoder
THE AMISH COOK

Tending to the growing flock

Amazing how swiftly life can whisk you from one stage to another! Just a year ago we had only two children, now here we are with five little blessings! Honestly, we have had our share of “growing pains” that have gone with it, but then life wouldn’t be complete without any of these little darlings including the two foster children.

Being a mother of a flock of little ones really is a dream come true for me. There are moments when life’s road does feel a bit rocky, but then it’s like I recently told Daniel, “Family life really is so good!” For me, it’s just a matter of where I have my focus. The times I think I deserve more sleep than I’m getting with two babies or when I pine for the quietness I so much relish when I’m writing, I simply am not a very pleasant person to have around! On the flip side, if I take a moment to realize that I don’t deserve anything, life is simply a gift, things start changing considerably. The atmosphere of the house begins to change as the children sing gaily as they play church, play with their toys, or construct food dishes with their playdough. Daniel’s optimistic outlook in life has added an ever-encouraging dimension in my life, “It simply won’t help matters any to get stressed out over anything,” he has reminded me time and again.

A highlight in our household has been Julia’s preschool days.

As you may know in our little country school, we have only a couple weeks of preschool before our little ones start first grade. Julia and I have spent lots of time together the last few years, doing kindergarten work here at home. It has created many fond memories for both of us.

It took some time for me to get used to the thought of my little girl leaving for the day, not seeing her from 8:00 until 3:30. But then I couldn’t help but just be so happy for her, as the two of us got her needed school supplies together and talked about what it would be like to go to school for the first time. It doesn’t seem long since I went to school, which I always enjoyed, and here my daughter was all ready to take this big step!

On the first morning, we packed her pink lunch box with a corn dog (a rare treat for us), an apple, a cookie, and a baggie with salty snacks. Her pink backpack held her writing, gluing, and cutting gear along with the pencil box I used all eight years I went to school. On this special morning, she chose to wear her deep purple dress with a cape. Soon her hair was combed and she had on her white cap. She was ready for the day ahead! Before long she was out the door. A friend of ours escorted her to school that first morning.

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Drone-delivered food coming to Hernando



MATHEW BECK/Chronicle

The Burger Station Burger is a two-patty, certified Black Angus beef meal topped with cheese and is served with fries. On property across the road from the Burger Station, Tim Channell said he and business partner Shane Williamson plan to convert it into a seafood haven named Bluegills, featuring fried fish, crab dishes and low country boils with seafood, corn on the cob and other ingredients.

Burger Station only the start — seafood on the way

JULIANNE MUNN
 Chronicle food writer

Two years ago a couple of Citrus County entrepreneurs decided to bring history back to life and the Burger Station was born in the hamlet of Hernando on U.S. 41.

A rustic circa 1930s stone gas station became a dining destination for seekers of “back in the day” meals of specialty burgers, monster hot dogs, mahi mahi and chicken sandwiches, wings and old fashioned shakes and malts.

Partners in the venture are Tim Channell, owner of Stumpknocker’s on the Withlacoochee River and Stumpknocker’s in downtown Inverness, and Shane Williamson, owner of Red’s restaurant on State Road 200 south of Hernando.

Channell described the Hernando venue as an old

fashioned “neighborhood burger joint.”

Both men are no strangers to the restaurant scene in the county, and the Burger Station is only the beginning of their Hernando interests, Channell said, who opened his first Stumpknocker’s about 30 years ago.

On property across the road from the Burger Station, Channell said he and Williamson plan to convert it into a seafood haven named Bluegills, featuring fried fish, crab dishes and low country boils with seafood, corn on the cob and other

ingredients, to name just a few menu items.

But burger lovers needn’t despair. They can have their seafood and burgers, too.

Channell said freshly made menu choices from the Burger Station will be delivered directly to the seafood place, by a drone capable of carrying 5 pounds of food. The drone will drop off the vittles on a landing pad at the destination.

Hopefully, he said, the new restaurant will be open in about six months, pending renovation and permit confirmation.

“We already have the drone,” he noted. “It’s ready to go.”

For now, the owners are enjoying their success at the Burger Station, where there is seating for up to 50 customers inside at booths and tables and on the front patio where umbrellas shade diners.

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Since opening, the Burger Station has become a mainstay in Hernando. The restaurant is located near the State Road 200 and U.S. 41 intersection.

Cabbage soup can be glorious



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Not the boiled diet version

MELISSA D’ARABIAN
 Associated Press

The mere mention of cabbage soup in my household makes my husband a little stressed, and with good reason.

He remembers all too well the cabbage soup

THE HEALTHY PLATE I talked him into trying before our wedding. To

be fair, I wasn’t alone: Everyone was making this magical cabbage soup, and eating it multiple times a day, with the hope of nourishing our bodies while also making them bikini-beautiful. I’m not proud to admit, I was caught up in the hype. But a week or two in, I couldn’t stand the soup for one more minute — the way my apartment smelled like a dirty sock, the taste of the soup itself, and according to my husband, my personality went from general pleasant to downright cranky.

Nearly 20 years later, I decided it might be worth trying to concoct a tastier version of cabbage soup, not as a diet, but just as an addition to our soup rotation. After all, cabbage is incredibly healthy, and I’m definitely a fan of veggie soups to boost nutrition. It took some major convincing for my husband to try any cabbage soup at all. In fact, he didn’t even want it cooking in the house - olfactory memory is powerful. So, I tinkered one week when he was out of the country for work. And I discovered a genius way to sidestep the strong smell and taste of the boiled cabbage of yesterday: leave the cabbage raw. It was so simple, but would it work?

It worked perfectly!

The key is to cut the cabbage very thinly, or shred it on a grater or in a food processor. Or, simply buy the slaw already sliced for coleslaw. Whip up a simple vegetable broth with onions, garlic and ginger and pour the steaming broth over the cabbage just before serving. (You could even use store-bought broth and it would be fine.) The cabbage softens just enough to be pleasant — almost noodle-like — but stays fresh, light and tasty, absolutely zero hint of the old boiled soup days. Even though it’s truly delicious (my husband agrees), I’m glad we aren’t stuck eating any cabbage soup for weeks on end.

CABBAGE SOUP IN GINGER AND GARLIC BROTH

- Servings: 4
 Start to finish: 25 minutes
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
 - 1 large yellow onion, sliced
 - 1-inch chunk of fresh ginger, peeled and sliced into 5 or 6 slices
 - 5 cloves of garlic, smashed
 - 4 1/2 cups of water
 - 2 teaspoons mild yellow or white miso paste
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce

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Praline is standout in recipe for arugula salad

Kitchen WISE

SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

Here's a salad fit to join the lineup for your fanciest dinner or holiday meal. Each of the ingredients brings its own unique taste and texture to the mix, but the standout is the praline. A hard candy typically consisting of sugar and nuts, praline was invented in the 17th century by the French (which is why it's pronounced "prah leen," not "pray line"). Here in America all these years later, there are two distinct versions of praline — the New Orleans version and the version made everywhere else. This recipe uses the non-New Orleans type.

At the heart of the praline is its caramel, which

is nothing more or less than sugar cooked until it turns golden. The challenge is how to cook it. Typically, we're advised to combine sugar and water in a saucepan until the sugar dissolves. The process requires using a brush dipped in water to wash any sugar stuck to the sides of the pan into the mixture on the bottom. Doing so is meant to prevent the mixture from crystallizing and becoming cloudy and soft when you want it to end up clear and hard. My best efforts notwithstanding, I've found that the sugar often crystallizes anyway.

The Brits have figured out a better to make caramel (aka burnt sugar): put the sugar in a dry pan over medium heat until it melts, then continue

cooking until it becomes golden. Simple and fool-proof. If you're a caramel maker, or you want to be one, this is the best method for you.

ARUGULA SALAD W/SPICY PECAN PRALINE, DRIED CRANBERRIES & AGED GOUDA

Start to finish: 35 minutes
Serves: 6

For the praline

- 1/2 cup pecans, coarsely chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne, or more to taste
 - 1/4 cup sugar
- ### For the dressing
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - 1 tablespoon sherry wine vinegar
 - Kosher salt



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- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper

For the salad

- 8 cups loosely packed arugula
 - 3/4 cup coarsely grated aged gouda
 - 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- Make the praline:** Lightly oil a baking sheet. In a small bowl toss the pecans with the salt and cayenne. Place the sugar in a heavy skillet or saucepan and cook over

medium heat until the sugar starts to melt. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until the sugar turns a golden caramel. Add the pecan mixture and, using a heatproof spatula or spoon, stir to combine well.

Carefully pour the pecan praline onto the sheet pan (the mixture will be very hot) and spread evenly with an oiled offset spatula. Let cool completely. Crack the praline into pieces and medium-chop it.

Make the dressing: In a bowl whisk together the

mustard, vinegar and salt to taste, until the salt is dissolved. Add the oil in a stream, whisking, until all the oil is incorporated. Taste and add additional salt, if necessary, and black pepper to taste.

Make the salad: In a large bowl combine the arugula, gouda, cranberries and praline. Add the dressing and toss well.

Nutritional information per serving: 245 calories; 168 calories from fat; 19 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 14 mg cholesterol; 275 mg sodium; 17 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 15 g sugar; 5 g protein.

Sara Moulton is host of public television's "Sara's Weeknight Meals." She was executive chef at *Gourmet* magazine for nearly 25 years and spent a decade hosting several Food Network shows including "Cooking Live." Her latest cookbook is "Home Cooking 101."

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- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
 - 1/2 cup shelled edamame
 - 4 cups shredded or very thinly sliced green cabbage
 - 1 cup shredded carrot
- Toppings:**
Chopped green onion
Chopped fresh cilantro,

mint, and basil

Hot chili sauce, optional

Make the broth: In a large sauce pan, cook the onion and ginger in the olive oil, stirring, over medium heat until onion begins to soften, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook an additional couple of minutes until very fragrant. Add the water and bring to a boil. Bring to a boil over medium high heat and then simmer on medium until the broth takes on a mild flavor, about

10 minutes.

Meanwhile, divide the edamame, cabbage and carrot among four serving bowls. Once the broth is ready, remove the onion, garlic and ginger with a slotted spoon and discard the aromatics. (Or strain the broth through a sieve.) Return the broth to the heat, and whisk in the miso paste, soy sauce and lime juice.

Taste the broth and adjust seasoning, adding more miso,

soy sauce or lime juice if desired. Pour the steaming broth on top of the cabbage in the bowls, and top with sliced green onion, fresh herbs (cilantro, mint and basil mixed together are perfect), and a dash of hot sauce, if desired.

Cabbage will soften slightly as it sits.

Nutrition information per serving: 90 calories; 19 calories from fat; 2 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 255 mg sodium; 15 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber;

5 g sugar; 4 g protein.

Food Network star Melissa d'Arabian is an expert on healthy eating on a budget. She is the author of the cookbook, "Supermarket Healthy."

AMISH

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"This is the beginning of a new stage in our lives," I told myself. "We now have a school-aged child." In a way it made me feel like we're getting old too fast.

I had told Julia I would like to come visit her at school one day. She told me she would rather have me just drop in, then to plan ahead. That way it would be a surprise. One Thursday forenoon Austin, Elijah and I popped in on her. She really did look so cute in her little desk, writing in her workbook! Of course, she was all smiles when she saw us. Her teacher pulled out chairs for us to sit and watch. Austin was impressed with the little

chair that was given to him, he informed me that he also wants to go to school!

Perhaps I'll share our pizza pocket recipe with you. These are perfect for lunches. Simply make some extras and pop them in the freezer, wrapped in tin foil. They are ready to be reheated and enjoyed!

Ready-to-reheat

Pizza Pockets

- 2 tablespoons yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 3/4 cup warm evaporated milk
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups flour
- 1 pound sausage
- 1 cup pizza sauce
- Pepperoni
- Shredded cheese

- Onions
- Peppers
- Mushrooms
- Fry sausage and add pizza sauce.

POCKET: Dissolve yeast in water. Add the rest of ingredients adding flour last and let rise once, till double. Then roll the dough thin. Let rise again about 10 minutes.

FILLING: Fry sausage and add pizza sauce. Layer ingredients as you like on dough circles.. Fold in half and press shut. Bake at 350 until golden brown.

Gloria Yoder is a traditional Amish wife and mother. She took over *The Amish Cook* column in July 2014 at age 24. Readers with culinary or culture questions or stories to share may write Gloria directly at: Gloria Yoder, 10437 E. 300th Ave., Flat Rock, IL 62427.

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Annie offers advice

Dear Annie: I'm in my late 30s. I've read the many letters you've printed about how thank-you notes have gone the way of the dodo. I have a different angle on this complaint.



DEAR ANNIE

Let me preface this by saying that I am not perfect in this realm. It took my wife and me forever to get around to sending thank-you notes after our wedding, and I think that most of the readers who have weighed in are expecting too much. That said, I am noticing a trend of giving no thanks at all. When I get a gift or someone does a favor for me, I send thanks via email or text (though I realize that a handwritten note or a phone call would be better). That's all I expect myself, but some of my peers don't even text a thank-you when I give them something. I find that very annoying.

I used to chalk up this thank-you note issue to laziness, but I'm beginning to agree with your readers who say that gratitude is trending down. It's disturbing. It takes next to no time to shoot off a quick "Thanks for that!" on your smartphone. -- You're Welcome

Dear You're Welcome: Laziness is the enemy of gratitude, and reading your letter I have to agree that it seems to have the upper hand in a big way. Thanks to technology, it's easier than ever to be self-absorbed and unappreciative of others; to do whatever's convenient.

But the good news is that gratitude is also the enemy of laziness. Fight the good fight by looking for ways to be more thankful in your own life every day. Perhaps you will be a positive influence on your friends. In the meantime, I'd stop sending them presents. Redirect your generous energy toward charitable causes or loved ones who will really appreciate it.

Dear Annie: Your advice to Granddad's Girl about speaking to him about his driving abilities fell far short. This man very likely has early dementia, as evidenced by his geographic disorientation. His continued driving is a huge risk to himself and others. His family needs to insist he see his doctor, accompanied by a family member, to discuss this. I am a retired internist, and I often had to deal with this difficult problem. This was often scheduled as a "check up" to avoid alarming the elderly patient.

Discussion of driving abilities and tests of memory, spatial orientation, reflexes and executive functioning can be done in the office. Almost all states have laws requiring or allowing physicians to report impaired or potentially impaired drivers.

Going beyond having the DMV test his driving abilities, which might lead to his license being revoked, I would encourage the family to disable or remove his car. Simply taking his keys away is not enough. One of my wily elderly patients simply had the car towed and the ignition system replaced.

This is a very contentious problem in my experience, because it means a loss of independence, and often, a move to an assisted living facility or the home of a family member. These were some of most difficult discussions I had with patients and family, but they were necessary for the safety of the patient and the public because of the high risk of accidents. -- Retired Oregon Internist

Dear Retired Oregon Internist: You're right. In my response, I should have been more emphatic about the importance of getting her grandfather a medical evaluation. Thank you for sharing your expertise.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

Bridge

PHILLIP ALDER Newspaper Enterprise Assn. Bridge puzzle text including North, West, East, South hands and dealer information.

just went for the nine-trick game. In no-trump, length rules. So, West should lead the heart eight, not the spade jack. South starts with six top tricks: three spades and three hearts. He will hope to establish three more winners in the minor suits, but that necessitates losing the lead thrice. The result is determined by the number of tricks that the defenders can bank before declarer has nine. It is normal for South to take the first trick on the board and to lead a club. Now East must be on the ball, winning with his ace and leading a second heart. That leaves West with two entry cards, the diamond ace and club king. With one he can dislodge declarer's last heart stopper, and with the second entry he can cash two heart tricks to defeat the contract. East-West take two hearts, one diamond and two clubs. Note that if East fails to put the club ace, West will win the trick and continue with a second heart. Now, though, South can play on diamonds to dislodge West's last entry and take nine tricks. Finally, note that an initial spade lead establishes only one long card, so three no-trump makes.

JUMBLE

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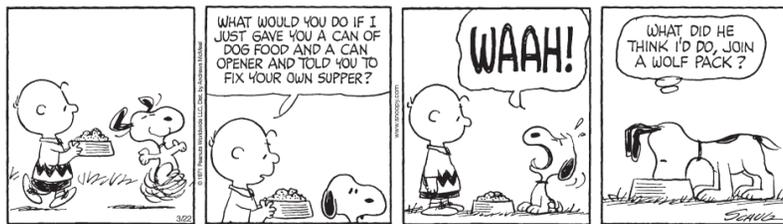
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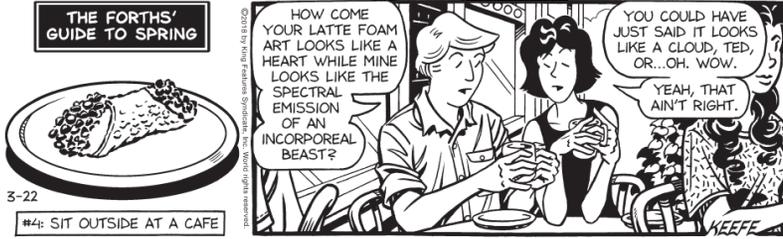
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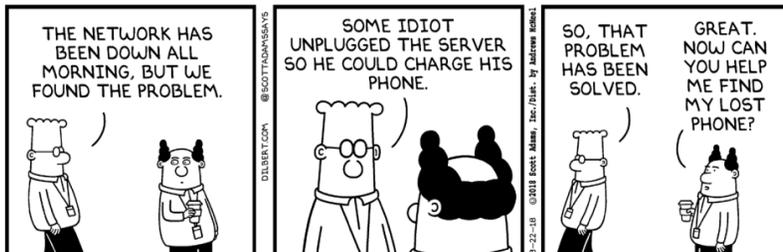
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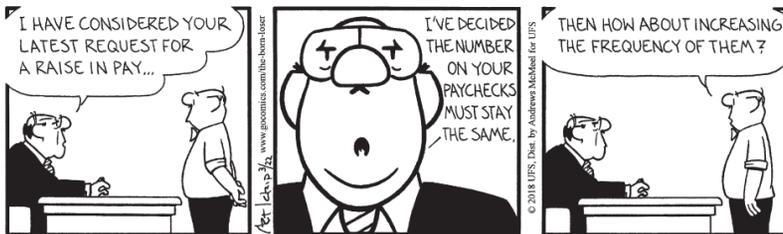
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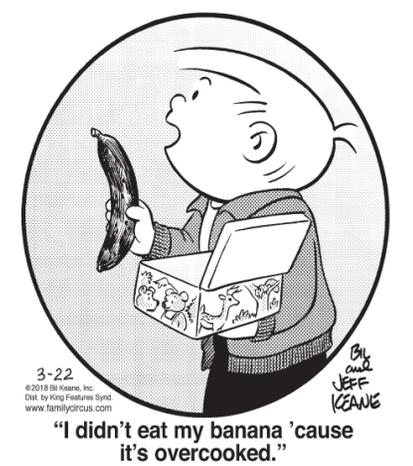
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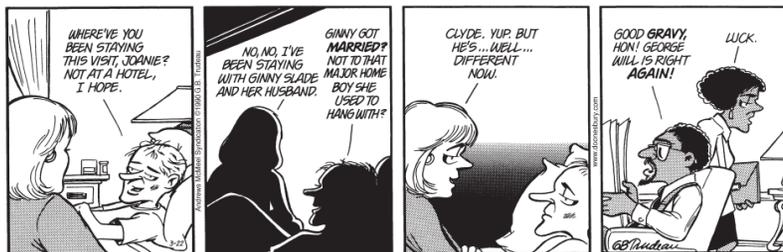
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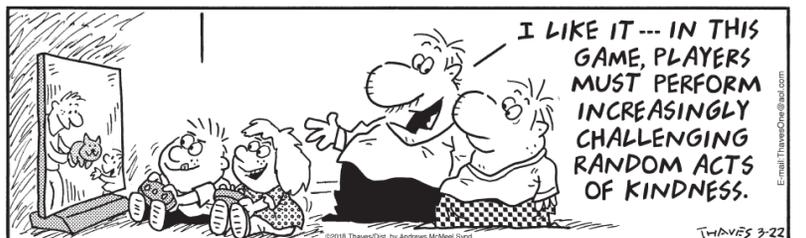
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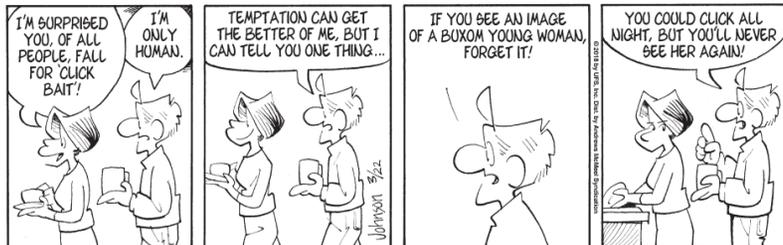
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CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos. Today's clue: B equals C. X IPPJ JXCP PYPNDSHP'L MXIIPNPHG XH GAPXN SOH OWD, LS EPSEJP LASRJM'H G GND GS TWCP GAPT IPPJ UWM UPBWRLP SI GAWG. -- PJJJ IWHHXHZ. Previous Solution: 'I've said things and meant them, but I'm... a very confused person who has no idea how they feel about things.' -- Sienna Miller



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5723-0329 THCRN
Rooks, Margaret M. 2018 CP 56 Notice to Creditors IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-CP-56

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARGARET M ROOKS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARGARET M ROOKS, deceased, whose date of death was December 25, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Citrus County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 22, 2018.

Personal Representative:
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7655 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy Crystal River, FL 34429

Attorney for Person Giving Notice:
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Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 4, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2016 CA 000830 A of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., is the Plaintiff and Charles Ruprecht aka Charles Ruprecht, Jr., as an Heir of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, Citrus Hills NH, LLC d/b/a Citrus Hills Health & Rehabilitation Center, Dale Boggs, as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, Dianna Davidson aka Diana Davidson, as an Heir of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, Jarred Daigle, a minor, as an Heir of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased AND Beneficiary of the Charles Ruprecht Testamentary Trust created by and through the First Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Charles Ruprecht dated May 1, 2013, Michael T. Kovach, Jr., as trustee of the Charles Ruprecht Testamentary Trust created by and through the First Codicil to Last Will and Testament of Charles Ruprecht dated May 1, 2013, Robyn Rachal aka Robin Rachal, as an Heir of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, Scott Ruprecht, as an Heir of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, Taylor Clause aka Taylor M. Clause, as an Heir of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or other Claimants claiming by, through, under, or against, Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, Tina Boggs, as Co-Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Wallace Ruprecht a/k/a Charles W. Ruprecht, deceased, United States of America Acting through Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming By, Through, Under, And Against The Herein Named Individual Defendant(s) Who Are Not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest In Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants, are defendants, the Citrus County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on electronically/online at <http://www.citrus.realforeclose.com>, Citrus County, Florida at 10:00 a.m. on the 5th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 137, HEATHERWOOD UNIT NO. 3, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 93 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS A 1982 WOODHILL WILDFIRE DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING TITLE NUMBERS 22146550 AND 22146541 AND VIN NUMBERS TW1FLHS1895A AND TW1FLHS1895B.

8788 S. VISION CIRCLE, IVERNESS, FL 34452

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Hillsborough County, Florida this 9th day of March, 2018.

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If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450, (352) 641-6700, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. To file response please contact Citrus County Clerk of Court, 110 N. Apopka Ave, Inverness, FL 34450, Tel: (352) 341-6400; Fax: (352) 341-6413.

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5707-0322 THCRN

Hess, Margaret E. 2016-CA-000866 A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000866 A

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGARET E. HESS, DECEASED, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on March 1, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2016 CA 000866 A, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein, BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY is the Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARGARET E. HESS, DECEASED, COUNTY OF CITRUS; QUAIL RUN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF CITRUS COUNTY, INC.; DARLENE S. VANDERBUSH; YVONNE D. WORLEY; KIMBERLY A. MOSSLER; LORI J. PIETROBURGO; MATTHEW C. VANDERBUSH III; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Angela Vick will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.citrus.realforeclose.com on April 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF CITRUS, WITH A STREET LOCATION ADDRESS OF 7420 N WHIPPOORWILL TER, HERNANDO, FL 34442-2039 HAVING A TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF 19E-17S-29-0040-0000-0150 AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN BOOK/PAGE OR DOCUMENT NUMBER 1861-1737 DATED 5/26/2005 AND FURTHER DESCRIBED AS QUAIL RUN PB 12 PG 4 LOT 15.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2018.

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IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR FOR CITRUS COUNTY, JOHN SULLIVAN, AT (352) 341-6700 AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

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5709-0322 THCRN

Wilson, Matthew T. 2016-CA-000905A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2016-CA-000905A

REGIONS BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MATTHEW T. WILSON a/k/a Matthew Todd Wilson, UNKNOWN SPOUSE, If any of Matthew T. Wilson a/k/a Matthew Todd Wilson, CITRUS COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS, TENANT #1 and TENANT #2, representing tenants in possession,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure, entered in the above-styled cause on March 1, 2018, in the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, ANGELA VICK, the Clerk of Citrus County, will sell the property situated in Citrus County, Florida, described as:

Description of Mortgaged Property

lot 6, Block B, SPRING GARDENS UNIT TWO, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 13, of the Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

The street address of which is **8355 W. Trotter Lane, Homosassa, Florida 34446.**

at a Public Sale, the Clerk shall sell the property to the highest bidder, for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on **April 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** at www.citrus.realforeclose.com, in accordance with Chapter 45 and Chapter 702, Florida Statutes.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: March 9, 2018.

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IMPORTANT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Room 1-1337, Inverness, FL 34450, (352) 341-6700 at least seven (7) days prior to your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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Runge, Gerald R. 2016-CA-000855 A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-CA-000855 A

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

vs.
GERALD R. RUNGE; et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order Resetting Sale

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Entered on February 2, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2016 CA 000855 A, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein, PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff, and PATRICIA J. RUNGE; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Angela Vick will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.citrus.realforeclose.com on April 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 24 AND 25, BLOCK 264, INVERNESS HIGHLANDS SOUTH, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 51 THROUGH 66, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2018.

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5717-0329 THCRN

Hahn, Helen A. 2015-CA-000190A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2015-CA-000190A

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,

vs.
HELEN A. HAHN A/K/A HELEN HAHN; ET AL;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 11, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2015 CA 000190 A, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST I, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE is Plaintiff and HELEN A. HAHN A/K/A HELEN HAHN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HELEN A. HAHN A/K/A HELEN HAHN; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; are defendants. ANGELA VICK, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash BY ELECTRONIC SALE AT: WWW.CITRUS.REALFORECLOSE.COM, at 10:00 A.M., on the 12th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 1 OF LACOOCHEE PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE(S) 39, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER WITH A 2006, SKYLINE 8800, DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME, ID#G-2-62-0129U-A&B

A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 15th day of January, 2018.

By: Eric Knopp, Esq. FL Bar # 709921

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 110 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, FL 34450-4299, Phone No. (352) 341-6700 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services) or Dial 711.

Submitted by:
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5718-0329 THCRN

Lower, Edgar L. 2017-CA-000104 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000104

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,

vs.
EDGAR L. LOWER A/K/A EDGAR L. LOWER, III, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that Angela Vick, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Citrus County, Florida, will on April 12, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. EST, via the online auction site at www.citrus.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, F.S., offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Citrus County, Florida, to wit:

Lot 21, Block 14, CITRUS SPRINGS UNIT 1, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 89 through 106, Inclusive, Public Records of Citrus County, Florida.

Property Address: 10338 North Allwood Terrace, Citrus Springs, FL 34434

pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style and case number of which is set forth above.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, Telephone (352) 341-6700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

SUBMITTED on this 14th day of March, 2018.

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McClelland, Leslie Ellen 2017 CA 000802 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2017 CA 000802

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC
Plaintiff(s),

vs.
LESLIE ELLEN MCCLELLAND; LESLIE ELLEN MCCLELLAND, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LESLIE ELLEN MCCLELLAND REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 2010; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LESLIE ELLEN MCCLELLAND; CYPRESS VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE UNKNOWN TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNS, CREDITORS, LIENORS AND TRUSTEES OF THE LESLIE ELLEN MCCLELLAND REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED MARCH 11, 2010; THE UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF 15 SYCAMORE CIRCLE, HOMOSSASSA, FL 34446,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 8, 2018, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court, Angela Vick, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.citrus.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 12th day of April, 2018 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

LOT 30, BLOCK B-133, CYPRESS VILLAGE, SUGARMILL WOODS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 86 THROUGH 150; PLAT BOOK 10, PAGES 1 THROUGH 150 AND PLAT BOOK 11, PAGES 1 THROUGH 16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA; AS AMENDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 87-A, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 15 SYCAMORE CIRCLE, HOMOSSASSA, FL 34446

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT THE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR, CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FLORIDA 34450, TELEPHONE (352) 341-6700, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

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5720-0329 THCRN

Reynolds, Richard Havington 2017 CA 000846 Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2017 CA 000846

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC F/K/A GREENTREE SERVICING LLC
Plaintiff(s),

vs.
RICHARD HAVINGTON REYNOLDS AKA RICHARD HAVINGTON REYNOLDS AKA RICHARD H. REYNOLDS A/K/A RICHARD REYNOLDS; PHYLLIS JULIA REYNOLDS AKA PHYLLIS REYNOLDS; BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A NATIONAL CITY BANK; CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA; PINE RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED; AMERICAN EXPRESS CENTURION BANK CORPORATION;
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on September 7, 2017, in the above-captioned action, the Clerk of Court, Angela Vick, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.citrus.realforeclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 12th day of April, 2018 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set

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forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure or order, to wit:

LOT 6, BLOCK 351, PINE RIDGE UNIT THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 51 THROUGH 67 INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4501 N. RUSHMORE LOOP, BEVERLY HILLS, FL 34445

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT THE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR, CITRUS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 110 NORTH APOPKA AVENUE, INVERNESS, FLORIDA 34450, TELEPHONE (352) 341-6700, AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN 7 DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.

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5721-0329 THCRN

Brooks, Paul F. 2017-CA-000232A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY PUZZLE 3/22/18

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Thursday, March 22, 2018

KATHLEEN SAXE

WORD GAME

TODAY'S WORD -- AUTOCRACY

(AUTOCRACY: aw-TOK-ruh-see: Government by a single person; despotism.)

Average mark 18 words
Time limit 40 minutes

Can you find 29 or more words in AUTOCRACY?
The list will be published tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S WORD -- EMULSIFY

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muesli	limy	slimy	film	fume
mule	lues	slue	filmy	fumy
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myself	self	smile	flimsy	fusil
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RULES OF THE GAME: 1. Words must be of four or more letters. 2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed. 3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. 4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed. Contact Word Game creator Kathleen Saxe at kzsaxe@gmail.com.

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 - Ice cream or pizza —
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 - Orchidlike flowers
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BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

5708-0322 THCRN
Boyd, Timothy Earl 2015 CA 001091 A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2015 CA 001091 A

M&T BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
TIMOTHY EARL BOYD A/K/A TIMOTHY E. BOYD, ET. AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered March 1, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2015 CA 001091 A of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Inverness, Florida, wherein M&T BANK is Plaintiff and TIMOTHY EARL BOYD A/K/A TIMOTHY E. BOYD, ET. AL., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court ANGELA VICK, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale at www.citrus.realestateforeclosure.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 5th day of April, 2018 at 10:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

PARCEL 3 OF AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE E 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 18 EAST, EXCEPT THE NORTH 1022.85 FEET THEREOF AND EXCEPT THE EASTERLY 15 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Lisa Woodburn, Esq., Fla. Bar No.: 11003
McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff
110 SE 6th Street, Suite 2400 Fort Lauderdale, FL 333011
Phone: (407) 674-1850 Fax: (321) 248-0420
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5727-0329 THCRN
ROBERT SMITH 2017-CA-000390 A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000390 A

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUIFIRST LOAN SECURITIZATION TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT SMITH A/K/A ROBERT M. SMITH; et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order Resetting Sale entered on February 8, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2017 CA 000390 A, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR EQUIFIRST LOAN SECURITIZATION TRUST 2007-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1 is the Plaintiff, and ROBERT SMITH A/K/A ROBERT M. SMITH; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Angela Vick will sell to the highest bidder for cash at www.citrus.realestateforeclosure.com on April 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE NORTH 1/2 OF LOT 44, BLOCK 309, INVERNESS HIGHLANDS WEST, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated this 20TH day of March, 2018.

ALDRIDGE I PITE, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff
1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200 Delray Beach, FL 33445
Telephone: (844) 470-8804 Facsimile: (561) 392-6965
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5728-0329 THCRN
Will, Arthur 2014-CA-000936A Notice of Sale
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 2014-CA-000936A

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-1, Mortgage Backed Notes, Plaintiff,
vs.
Arthur Will, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated January 22, 2018, entered in Case No. 2014 CA 000936 A of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Citrus County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-1, Mortgage Backed Notes is the

Plaintiff and Arthur Will a/k/a Arthur P. Will; Oakwood Village Homeowners' Association, Inc.; Gladys Will a/k/a Gladys J. Will a/k/a Gladys D. Will a/k/a Gladys Domingo are the Defendants, that Angela Vick, Citrus County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash by electronic sale at www.citrus.realestateforeclosure.com, beginning at 10:00 AM on the 12th day of April, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

LOT 16, BLOCK 202, OAKWOOD VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 10 TO 14 INCLUSIVE OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 20th day of March 2018.

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By: Jimmy Edwards, Esq. Florida Bar No. 81855

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact John Sullivan, the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Citrus County Courthouse, 110 North Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450, Telephone (352) 341-6700, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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Meeting Notices

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5711-0322 MCRN
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Citrus County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, will conduct collective bargaining talks with The Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs & Helpers, Local 79 on April 12, 2018 at the Lecanto Government Building located at 3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 219, Lecanto, FL 34461 at 9:00 A.M. These discussions are open to the public.
Any person requiring a reasonable accommodation at any of these meetings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Human Resources Department, 3600 West Sovereign Path, Suite 283, Lecanto, FL, 34461, (352)527-5370 at least two days before any meeting.

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Thursday, March 22, 2018 W COMMUNITY NEWS ACROSS CITRUS COUNTY www.chronicleonline.com

Hang it on the line



Georgi Davis
UP THE CLOTHES CHUTE

Most people will probably agree that clothes lines have more or less become a thing of the past.

In our community, it is not allowed to have a clothes line. I miss them sometimes.

I liked hanging the clothes outside because they smelled so fresh when you brought them in dry.

I especially liked hanging the sheets out to dry. They came back inside wrinkle free.

I remember when I lived in Montana, I always hung my clothes out to dry in the backyard.

In Montana, the sun was usually shining brightly and there was always a slight breeze. I would take the clothes out of the dryer, put my 3-year-old daughter on top of the wet laundry, then take it all outside to hang up on the line (not my daughter, of course — she would play while I hung). By the time I had hung the last of the laundry up, the ones I hung first were already dry.

Then, I would start down the line removing the laundry I had just hung to dry. It was an easy process that didn't take very long.

Winters in Montana could be quite brutal, so there were many days the laundry had to hang in the basement. It didn't smell as fresh, and took much longer to dry inside the house.

People used to hang their rugs on the clothes line and beat them clean. Today we take out the vacuum cleaner to do that job. I'm not sure which is easier on the back, as I find vacuuming to cause me some distress.

Clothes lines tell a lot about the people living in the home where the laundry is hung.

For instance, it shows their choice in underwear: Boxers or briefs, thongs, hip-huggers or

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BHCA sets spring clean up, Sparkle in the Park

The Beverly Hills Civic Association has kicked into fundraising high gear in the hope that we don't run out of money this summer.

Our next fundraiser is on Saturday, March 24, at the Community Center hosting Al Stupen from Solid Gold. Tickets are \$10 at our office at 1 Civic Circle.

Then our biggest annual fundraiser, the Sparkle in the Park Festival, will be from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Saturday, April 14. We are fortunate to have Citrus MO-

BEVERLY HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

PARS Car Club coming by with a slew of their classic vehicles. Car exhibitors can participate at a cost of \$15 if they pay by Friday, April 9, and \$20 thereafter.

Craft and business vendors (at a cost of \$35 per vendor booth) will set up inside the Community Center. We also expect some candidates on the ballot this

November to be present. Music and food to be served by the civic association volunteers.

The Beverly Hills Civic Association spring clean-up day is scheduled for Friday, April 20. Call the civic office if you have items you wish to have picked up.

Lastly we ask you to stop by Ace Hardware in the Winn Dixie Plaza, Cadence Bank next to the car wash or Rolling Oaks utilities in Beverly Plaza and sign one of our petitions establishing

support for our request to be on the ballot this November. We want the people of Beverly Hills to vote on whether or not to tax themselves \$2 a year to insure that our association will be around for another 55 years.

For information about the civic association or upcoming events, call 352-746-2657 from 9 a.m. to noon or visit our website at www.bhcvicassociation.com.

Harvey Gerber is president of the Beverly Hills Civic Association.

Here comes Peter Cottontail

Upcoming egg hunts for everyone, including your dog



GWEN BITTNER Staff writer

The hunt is on! Get your face painted, decorate a cupcake, watch a puppet show and meet the Easter Bunny. These 8 Easter egg hunts are sure to bring home the candy.

Note: Wear your sneakers because things might get competitive with Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail.

This weekend

The Greener Side Haven's third annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt will feature Easter egg hunts for small and large dogs and Easter costume contests for pets and humans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, by the Withlacoochee Technical College, 1201 W. Main St. in Inverness. There will be games, prizes, raffle drawings and photo opportunities. Snacks and beverages will be available. A \$5 per person donation is requested. Admission is free for children ages 12 and younger. All dogs must be

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Advance NOTICE

Friends of the Blind yard sale set

The Friends of the Blind will have their annual indoor spring yard sale from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Wishing Well Center, 6055 State Road 200, Hernando. For more information, call 352-637-1739.

Community invited to Passover Seder

The community is invited to participate in a traditional Passover Seder conducted by Cantor Mordecai Kamlot at 6 p.m. Friday, March 30, at Congregation Kol Emet (Unity of Citrus County), 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

There will be spirited singing, meaningful English readings, food and fellowship. A kosher dinner will be served.

Menu includes: wine, matzah, homemade haroset (fruit and nut mixture), gefilte fish, chicken-matazh ball soup, roast chicken (or vegetarian option), potato kugel, glazed carrots, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$18 per person; \$10 for children under 10.

For reservations, send a check (payable to Cong. Kol Emet) to: Cong. Kol Emet, P.O. Box 38, Hernando, FL 34441. The deadline is March 23.

For more information, call 352-643-0995 or email mkamlot2@gmail.com.

Homosassa Community Day set April 7

The second annual Homosassa Community Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 7

at Homosassa Civic Club.

New this year is Old Homosassa Art and Farmers Market. Vendor space is available for a \$20 donation. Proceeds benefit the Old Homosassa Learning Center. For information email gwatson@gmail.com or call 352-628-9333.

Council sale to benefit water tower

The Old Homosassa Heritage Council will hold its annual Giant Yard Sale Saturday, April 7. All proceeds go towards painting the Old Homosassa Water Tower, a state historic landmark.

Donations of clean used items are needed. No Clothes please. Members of the OHHC will accept donations for the yard sale from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 6, at the Homosassa Civic Club.

For questions, call 352-628-9333 or email HomosassaCivicClub@gmail.com.

Eat at Good Old Boy's Fish Fry

The Beverly Hills Fish Club will host a BHFC Good Old Boy's Fish Fry Saturday, April 7, at the

Beverly Hills VFW.

We will serve a lightly breaded fried haddock, Boston baked beans, cole slaw and desert. Hot dogs will be available for those who do not want fish.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch will served at noon. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Public is welcome.

Advance tickets are available by calling 352-422-8149.

Benefit to promote Autism Awareness

The IR-RU Family Social Club will host its third annual benefit to promote Autism Awareness on Sunday, April 8. CREST (Citrus Resources for Exceptional Students in Transition) School, in Lecanto, will be the beneficiary of this event. All proceeds will go to the school.

A Band Fest, featuring local bands, will start at 1 p.m. The lineup is as follows:

- 1 to 1:45 p.m. — JoJo Jones
- 2 to 2:45 p.m. — Cheap Date
- 3 to 3:45 p.m. — Jimmy Sparks
- 4 to 4:45 p.m. — Pete Hunt and Southern Branded

- 5 to 5:45 p.m. — Tavern Kings
- 6 to 6:45 p.m. — R n R Band
- 7 to 7:45 p.m. — Cutter Creek

Food will be available and raffles will continue

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The Old Homosassa Water Tower.

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March 16

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Club to celebrate 40th anniversary, talk parrots

Speak with Master Gardener about spring gardens, native plants and design

The Citrus Garden Club will soon celebrate the arrival of spring — beautiful flowers, lovely birds and the club's 40th birthday.

We are so thankful for the many wonderful years that our club has been helping all of our friends in the community.

The club conducts their meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Whispering Pines Recreational Building.

The social begins at 9 a.m. followed by a business meeting at 9:30 a.m. The program begins approximately at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join the club for the April meeting on April 6. Come and see how you may become a

companion to a feathered friend. Our speaker for the day will be from Ziggy's Haven Bird Sanctuary. This structure is located on seven acres in Inverness.

Ziggy's Haven is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) parrot rescue organization providing a permanent residence for displaced parrots.

Candace Corno and Fran Woodman will have the room set up, and the coffee freshly prepared for your arrival. The hostess of the month will be Diane Mancini, who will have helpers assist her with the refreshments.

The meeting will include entertaining and educational aspects starting with a talk on birds by Mary Smalley.

Shelby Jordan, Master Gardener, will give a report on a native plant or flower. Master Gardener, Jerry Lubowiecki will address and answer any spring gardening questions. Karen Fandel and Pat Mazzone will offer floral designs to be admired by the members and critiqued by our award winning designer, Vicky Ross.

The month of April will be a busy one for our members when they tend to the civic activities that have been planned. On April 9, Butterfly Chairman, Judith Thomason will meet us in the garden. There will be a spring cleaning and planting of some nectar and host plants to help the winged beauties be content with their home.

Maintenance of the Wags & Whiskers Garden at the animal shelter is planned by Chairman, Patty McCoy on April 16. The employees and volunteers enjoy seeing this garden every day, so please come out and help.

Then Chairman Lois Kraemer has scheduled a clean-up of Pine Hill Cemetery located off Pine Street in Inverness. This once neglected area has become a lovely resting place.

Do not forget to bring your donations for the Veterans Shelter in Inverness to the next meeting. Also greatly appreciated are food and supplies for the animal shelter.

For information, call President Patty McCoy at 352-527-4164.

Judy Morris submits publicity for the Citrus Garden Club. Contact her at 352-341-0954; rmorris117@tampabay.rr.com.

Nature Coast Anglers host annual award banquet

Special to the Chronicle

Nearly 100 people attended the Nature Coast Anglers Award Banquet held Feb. 25 at the Citrus Hills Country Club.

Awards were given to top Anglers plus a Lifetime Member Award was given to Robert Schaefer for his numerous contributions to the club.

In addition to our special events and tournaments, the Nature Coast Anglers hold 7 p.m. meetings at the Homosassa Moose Lodge the second Monday of each month.

The next meeting will be March 12 with Captain William Toney as the featured speaker.

For information, visit www.naturecoastanglers.com.



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ABOVE: Robert Schaefer receives a special Lifetime Member Award from NCA President, Bear Howe. **RIGHT:** NCA President Bear Howe congratulates Angler of the Year winners, Judith Ogier, third place; Ted Babcock, second place; and Steven Ogier, first place.



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Tylie is nice on leash, ignores the barking dogs and gives kisses. She has a fairly steady medium energy level. In general, she explores on her own. She's estimated to be 3 years old and is 47 pounds. Tylie is a Doberman mix. She is spayed, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. No. 37790269.



Meet Moe our little pocket pittie. He sits nicely for treats and comes when called. He absolutely loves the kiddie pool. His favorite activity is carrying around a tennis ball. Moe is 2 years old and 46 pounds. Moe is a Terrier/Pit mix. He is neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. No. 31845813.



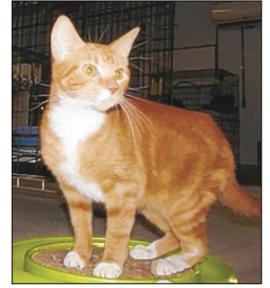
Midnight is one of the nicest dogs at the shelter. He's two years old, and mild mannered. He is leash trained. He bonds extremely quickly with his handler. Midnight is a Terrier/Pit mix. He is neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. No. 35104442.



Fred is a friendly gray tabby with a calm personality. He gets along pretty well with other cats and is very loving. He'll make a nice companion and will be a good choice for a family with some children. No. 37825393.



Precious is a sleek black female. She has a calm personality and gets along well with others. Precious will make a nice family pet, or a great companion for a single or older person. ID No. 37837072



Tina is a sweet orange and white female tabby with the classic "bullseye" pattern in her coat. We know Tina will love a sunny window and a tall cat tree to watch the outside world go by. She likes the Turbo Scratcher and she has a loving personality. No. 37836617.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View adoptable pets at citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400. Unless otherwise noted, all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on vaccinations.

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leashed. All proceeds will benefit the Greener Side Haven Inc. with 100 percent of donations going to help the animals. For information, visit www.thegreener-sidehaven.org.

■ All children in the community, from infants to age 10, are invited to an Easter Eggstravaganza from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church/Precious Lambs Preschool, 6150 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills.

This free annual event features egg hunts for each specific age group, a story walk, face painting, photo booth, coloring contest, crafts, cupcake decorating, egg toss and lunch. Bring a basket to collect eggs.

Preregister to qualify for a chance to win a prize by going online to www.eventbrite.com.

■ The Beverly Hills Lions Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of Beverly Hills, Lecanto and Hernando starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Lions Den, 72 Civic Circle.

There will be three age groups — toddler to 3 years, 4 to 6 years and 7 to 12 years old. All must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be prizes awarded in each age group. Refreshments for the children will be juice and cookies.

For information, contact Tom at 352-897-4899.

Easter weekend

■ Citrus County Parks & Recreation will host an Egg-Streme Glow Hunt and Festival Thursday, March 29, at Bicentennial Park Drive in Crystal River.



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The Egg-Streme Glow Hunt and Festival opens at 5:30 p.m. for those who wish to come early before the hunt. The hunt for children younger than 5 begins at 6 p.m.; ages 6-9 begins at 6:30 p.m.; ages 10 and older beginning at 7 and 7:30 p.m. Registration is \$3 per child ages 3-15 before March 28 or \$5 at the gate. Children younger than age 2 are admitted free.

For information, call 352-794-1478 or visit apm.activecommunities.com/citruscountyparks.

■ Bring your friends and family (and your Easter basket) to the Citrus YMCA from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, for a hoppin' good time with an Easter egg hunt, inflatable slides, games and crafts and food trucks.

Get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Multiple age groups and hunt times available, so preregister today at ymcasuncoast.org/citrus. Contact the Y for more information at 352-500-9622.

■ There will be food, games, prizes and a 10,000-egg hunt at the Cornerstone Baptist Church Hills Campus

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at 2 Civic Circle Beverly Hills. All are invited to enjoy the Easter weekend at this family fun event. For information, call 352-746-6171.

■ The Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park will host a Spring Egg-stravaganza starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 31, in the field behind the main entrance and Visitor Center of the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Thousands of plastic eggs will be redeemed for candy. Finders of the gold eggs in each age group will win an age-appropriate prize. Arrive early to meet the Easter Bunny and other costumed characters.

The Wildlife Puppeteers will present a puppet show just after the egg hunt starting at 9:15 a.m. in the Florida Room. There is no charge to attend the egg hunt or puppet play. Regular park admission applies for entrance into the park.

Families are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to We Care Food Pantry.

For information, call Rene Poppe at 352-628-1002 or Susan Strawbridge at 352-628-5445.

■ Take the little ones to hunt for eggs with the West Citrus Elks at their annual Easter Egg Hunt from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd, Homosassa.

This event is open to all children of Citrus County between the ages of 3 and 7. Siblings are welcome. Enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, fries, punch and cookies before the egg hunt begins.

For information, contact the Lodge at 352-503-2010 after 1 p.m.

Gwen Bittner is the community editor for the Citrus County Chronicle. Contact her at gwen.bittner@chronicleonline.com or 352-563-3224. Email event submissions to community@chronicleonline.com.

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CHWC raises scholarship funds at Mahjong Marathon

\$909 contribution to aid community initiatives

A great time was had by all at the Citrus Hills Women's Club's Spring Mahjong Marathon Thursday, March 1, at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Some great Mahjong was played with the top winners: first place — Marcia Schenker with 1,220 points, second place — Diane Collick with 1,100 points, third place — Peg Fowler with 1,070 points, fourth place

— Dotty Forsyth with 920 points, fifth place — Claire Lindley with 900 points. Marge Copley and Nancy Hayden tied for sixth place with 850 points each. Judy Stone and Barbara Protrowski shared seventh and eighth place with 780 points each. A prize was awarded to Chris Harvey for receiving the lowest score of the day. Our thanks to Chairman Carol

Peterman and her committee of, Diane Edwards, Fran Geyer, Cathy Lieberman, Mary Pike, Jackie Huband, Pat Sober and Andrea Strogney who made the day a delight for everyone. Door prizes were awarded to attendees, and seven lucky ladies went home with beautiful baskets they won by donating to CHWC's scholarship and charities fund adding a contribution of \$909 to the fund. The Citrus Hills Women's Club is a social and charitable organization established in 1986 for the purpose of making

friends, sharing fun events and providing service to the community. Membership is open to all women residents of the areas defined as the former or present Villages of Citrus Hills. The club has a motto of Companionship, Charity and Community. For membership information, call Claire at 352-527-1574 or Diane at 352-746-6848.

Vera Swade submits publicity for the Citrus Hills Women's Club.

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throughout the event. There is no admission fee.

For those who are not able to attend, donations will be accepted at the clubhouse or by mail. Make checks out to: IR-RU Family Social Club, indicating for Autism Benefit, at 922 U.S. 41 South, Inverness, FL 34450.

For more information, call the club at 352-637-5118.

Ladies' Guild to host Military Card Party

The Ladies' Guild of the Beverly Hills Community Church will host its third annual fundraising Military Card Party Tuesday, April 10, at the Jack Steele Fellowship Hall, 86 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon with games to follow. Cost is \$12 per person and includes play, a chance to win one or more silent auction items and a catered lunch.

Menu includes sandwiches, wraps, salads, fruit, chips, beverage and dessert.

Play games for a good cause

The ladies of the Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club invite the community to attend their Bunco Bonanza fundraiser Thursday, April 12, at the Central Ridge Community Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games start at 6:30 sharp. Tickets are available now and are \$25 in advance. There will be door prizes, raffles baskets and free refreshments, appetizers and desserts with admission.

The Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club is a tax exempt non-profit organization. All proceeds support their club projects which align with Pilot International and the club focus of brain health and safety and helping those who care for others within Citrus County.

For tickets and information, call Jeanmarie at 352-746-1135. Tickets are available from any Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club member. Make checks payable to the Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club.

Attend annual LWVCC luncheon

The LWVCC will celebrate their 5th anniversary with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 10, in the Windsor Room at the Citrus Hills Country Club, 505 E. Hartford St., Hernando.

The public is invited. Guest speakers will be Sandy Counts, Rhonda Distel and Teddi Rusnak who will recount some of their experiences in running for local offices, inspiring more women to enter the race.

There will be an Italian buffet. Tickets are \$25 per person paid in advance, reservations required. Seating is limited. Reservations close April 2. For information, call 352-382-0032.

Hats Off to Style & Taste Fashion Show

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will host its annual fashion show at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, 20831 Powell Road.

This year's theme is "Hats Off to Style & Taste" with fashions provided by Grumbles House Cedar Street Boutique.

Tickets are available for \$20 per person (seating is limited) and includes lunch of apricot chicken, rice pilaf, dessert and beverage. There will be a Chinese auction of baskets and gift certificates from local businesses, 50/25/25 raffle and door prizes. Contact Connie at 612-803-4508 for ticket information.

Proceeds benefit Club's scholarship fund and contributions to local community organizations.

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full-briefs. Do the people in the house wear uniforms or dress shirts which would make them blue collar or white collar workers. Are the labels on the clothes designer labels or do they reflect clothing purchased at a discount store. Are the sheets hanging on the line king size, queen size or regular size. If there are twin size sheets, then there are probably children in the home.

Looking at someone's laundry hanging outside is almost like going through someone's trash. You can tell a lot about people by looking through

their trash.

If anyone looked through my recycle bin they would instantly discover that I am not much of a cook. They will find a lot of prepared food containers. But, I was talking about clothes lines. I digressed.

There are those who like to air their dirty laundry on their clothes lines. This works if the clothes are not really dirty but need a little freshening.

Some people like to air their dirty laundry without hanging it outside. I think you know what I mean.

My favorite clothes line story is about a metal clothes line that stood between two poles in the backyard when I was in fourth grade. The metal

line was where my mother hung her clothes out to dry.

My father owned a Packard agency and my mother worked as his accountant and bookkeeper. When we were not in school, during the summer, my older sister would be the babysitter. I was told to always do what my sister told me or I would be in trouble when my parents got home.

One day, out of boredom or just plain orneriness, my sister decided that we could be like circus performers and try and walk the metal clothes line just like the high wire artists did at the circus. She decided that, since I was the smallest, I should go first. She gave me an umbrella to hold over my head to help keep my balance.

We got a ladder from the garage and propped it against the clothes line pole. I was encouraged to climb the ladder, which I was not too sure about. But climb it I did.

I raised the umbrella, took one step on the metal wire and fell to the ground. Circus performer I was not.

The next thing I remember is waking up in my bed with the doctor and my parents standing over me. Nothing was broken and the doctor deemed me fit, but a little shaken by the incident. However, my parents had a fit to think I would attempt such a feat. I explained that I was told to always do what my sister told me and so I did. At least that was my excuse!

I learned a valuable

lesson that day. Clothes lines are for clothes, and you don't always have to do what your sister tells you to do.

My sister will probably tell you this never happened, but we have decided we must have grown up in different families. Either that, or our memories are different.

You might say I have just aired my dirty laundry. I look on the incident as rather funny since who were we to think we could walk a tight wire? We were kids and kids will be kids. There are no perfect kids and if we look at ourselves honestly we know that we certainly fit into that category.

We have to learn to keep our sense of humor about such things. If we

can't laugh at ourselves, we shouldn't laugh at anyone else.

Today I consider when some people post some things on social media is a lot like airing their dirty laundry on a clothes line. It tells the world a lot about who you really are.

You might say there are some who just let it all hang out.

Thought for the day: There are times when it feels good to use whatever line you choose and air a little laundry.

Georgi Davis, a transplant from Ohio and a retired teacher, is enjoying her second life in Homosassa. Contact her at ritenow69@gmail.com.

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Hang it on the line



Georgi Davis
UP THE CLOTHES CHUTE

Most people will probably agree that clothes lines have more or less become a thing of the past.

In our community, it is not allowed to have a clothes line. I miss them sometimes.

I liked hanging the clothes outside because they smelled so fresh when you brought them in dry.

I especially liked hanging the sheets out to dry. They came back inside wrinkle free.

I remember when I lived in Montana, I always hung my clothes out to dry in the backyard.

In Montana, the sun was usually shining brightly and there was always a slight breeze. I would take the clothes out of the dryer, put my 3-year-old daughter on top of the wet laundry, then take it all outside to hang up on the line (not my daughter, of course — she would play while I hung). By the time I had hung the last of the laundry up, the ones I hung first were already dry.

Then, I would start down the line removing the laundry I had just hung to dry. It was an easy process that didn't take very long.

Winters in Montana could be quite brutal, so there were many days the laundry had to hang in the basement. It didn't smell as fresh, and took much longer to dry inside the house.

People used to hang their rugs on the clothes line and beat them clean. Today we take out the vacuum cleaner to do that job. I'm not sure which is easier on the back, as I find vacuuming to cause me some distress.

Clothes lines tell a lot about the people living in the home where the laundry is hung.

For instance, it shows their choice in underwear: Boxers or briefs, thongs, hip-huggers or

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BHCA sets spring clean up, Sparkle in the Park

The Beverly Hills Civic Association has kicked into fundraising high gear in the hope that we don't run out of money this summer.

Our next fundraiser is on Saturday, March 24, at the Community Center hosting Al Stupen from Solid Gold. Tickets are \$10 at our office at 1 Civic Circle.

Then our biggest annual fundraiser, the Sparkle in the Park Festival, will be from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Saturday, April 14. We are fortunate to have Citrus MO-

PARS Car Club coming by with a slew of their classic vehicles. Car exhibitors can participate at a cost of \$15 if they pay by Friday, April 9, and \$20 thereafter.

Craft and business vendors (at a cost of \$35 per vendor booth) will set up inside the Community Center. We also expect some candidates on the ballot this

November to be present. Music and food to be served by the civic association volunteers.

The Beverly Hills Civic Association spring clean-up day is scheduled for Friday, April 20. Call the civic office if you have items you wish to have picked up.

Lastly we ask you to stop by Ace Hardware in the Winn Dixie Plaza, Cadence Bank next to the car wash or Rolling Oaks utilities in Beverly Plaza and sign one of our petitions establishing

support for our request to be on the ballot this November. We want the people of Beverly Hills to vote on whether or not to tax themselves \$2 a year to insure that our association will be around for another 55 years.

For information about the civic association or upcoming events, call 352-746-2657 from 9 a.m. to noon or visit our website at www.bhcvicassociation.com.

Harvey Gerber is president of the Beverly Hills Civic Association.

Here comes Peter Cottontail

Upcoming egg hunts for everyone, including your dog



GWEN BITTNER
Staff writer

The hunt is on! Get your face painted, decorate a cupcake, watch a puppet show and meet the Easter Bunny. These 8 Easter egg hunts are sure to bring home the candy.

Note: Wear your sneakers because things might get competitive with Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail.

This weekend

The Greener Side Haven's third annual Doggie Easter Egg Hunt will feature Easter egg hunts for small and large dogs and Easter costume contests for pets and humans from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, by the Withlacoochee Technical College, 1201 W. Main St. in Inverness. There will be games, prizes, raffle drawings and photo opportunities. Snacks and beverages will be available. A \$5 per person donation is requested. Admission is free for children ages 12 and younger. All dogs must be

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Advance NOTICE

Friends of the Blind yard sale set

The Friends of the Blind will have their annual indoor spring yard sale from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Wishing Well Center, 6055 State Road 200, Hernando. For more information, call 352-637-1739.

Community invited to Passover Seder

The community is invited to participate in a traditional Passover Seder conducted by Cantor Mordecai Kamlot at 6 p.m. Friday, March 30, at Congregation Kol Emet (Unity of Citrus County), 2628 W. Woodview Lane, Lecanto.

There will be spirited singing, meaningful English readings, food and fellowship. A kosher dinner will be served.

Menu includes: wine, matzah, homemade haroset (fruit and nut mixture), gefilte fish, chicken-matazh ball soup, roast chicken (or vegetarian option), potato kugel, glazed carrots, dessert and beverages. Cost is \$18 per person; \$10 for children under 10.

For reservations, send a check (payable to Cong. Kol Emet) to: Cong. Kol Emet, P.O. Box 38, Hernando, FL 34441. The deadline is March 23.

For more information, call 352-643-0995 or email mkamlot2@gmail.com.

Homosassa Community Day set April 7

The second annual Homosassa Community Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 7

at Homosassa Civic Club.

New this year is Old Homosassa Art and Farmers Market. Vendor space is available for a \$20 donation. Proceeds benefit the Old Homosassa Learning Center. For information email gwatson@gmail.com or call 352-628-9333.

Council sale to benefit water tower

The Old Homosassa Heritage Council will hold its annual Giant Yard Sale Saturday, April 7. All proceeds go towards painting the Old Homosassa Water Tower, a state historic landmark.

Donations of clean used items are needed. No Clothes please. Members of the OHHC will accept donations for the yard sale from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 6, at the Homosassa Civic Club.

For questions, call 352-628-9333 or email HomosassaCivicClub@gmail.com.

Eat at Good Old Boy's Fish Fry

The Beverly Hills Fish Club will be host a BHFC Good Old Boy's Fish Fry Saturday, April 7, at the

Beverly Hills VFW.

We will serve a lightly breaded fried haddock, Boston baked beans, cole slaw and desert. Hot dogs will be available for those who do not want fish.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch will served at noon. Cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Public is welcome.

Advance tickets are available by calling 352-422-8149.

Benefit to promote Autism Awareness

The IR-RU Family Social Club will host its third annual benefit to promote Autism Awareness on Sunday, April 8. CREST (Citrus Resources for Exceptional Students in Transition) School, in Lecanto, will be the beneficiary of this event. All proceeds will go to the school.

A Band Fest, featuring local bands, will start at 1 p.m. The lineup is as follows:

- 1 to 1:45 p.m. — JoJo Jones
- 2 to 2:45 p.m. — Cheap Date
- 3 to 3:45 p.m. — Jimmy Sparks
- 4 to 4:45 p.m. — Pete Hunt and Southern Branded

■ 5 to 5:45 p.m. — Tavern Kings

■ 6 to 6:45 p.m. — R n R Band

■ 7 to 7:45 p.m. — Cutter Creek

Food will be available and raffles will continue

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Club to celebrate 40th anniversary, talk parrots

Speak with Master Gardener about spring gardens, native plants and design

The Citrus Garden Club will soon celebrate the arrival of spring — beautiful flowers, lovely birds and the club's 40th birthday.

We are so thankful for the many wonderful years that our club has been helping all of our friends in the community.

The club conducts their meetings on the first Thursday of each month at the Whispering Pines Recreational Building.

The social begins at 9 a.m. followed by a business meeting at 9:30 a.m. The program begins approximately at 10:45 a.m.

Everyone is invited to join the club for the April meeting on April 6. Come and see how you may become a

companion to a feathered friend. Our speaker for the day will be from Ziggy's Haven Bird Sanctuary. This structure is located on seven acres in Inverness.

Ziggy's Haven is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) parrot rescue organization providing a permanent residence for displaced parrots.

Candace Corno and Fran Woodman will have the room set up, and the coffee freshly prepared for your arrival. The hostess of the month will be Diane Mancini, who will have helpers assist her with the refreshments.

The meeting will include entertaining and educational aspects starting with a talk on birds by Mary Smalley.

Shelby Jordan, Master Gardener, will give a report on a native plant or flower. Master Gardener, Jerry Lubowiecki will address and answer any spring gardening questions. Karen Fandel and Pat Mazzone will offer floral designs to be admired by the members and critiqued by our award winning designer, Vicky Ross.

The month of April will be a busy one for our members when they tend to the civic activities that have been planned. On April 9, Butterfly Chairman, Judith Thomason will meet us in the garden. There will be a spring cleaning and planting of some nectar and host plants to help the winged beauties be content with their home.

Maintenance of the Wags & Whiskers Garden at the animal shelter is planned by Chairman, Patty McCoy on April 16. The employees and volunteers enjoy seeing this garden every day, so please come out and help.

Then Chairman Lois Kraemer has scheduled a clean-up of Pine Hill Cemetery located off Pine Street in Inverness. This once neglected area has become a lovely resting place.

Do not forget to bring your donations for the Veterans Shelter in Inverness to the next meeting. Also greatly appreciated are food and supplies for the animal shelter.

For information, call President Patty McCoy at 352-527-4164.

Judy Morris submits publicity for the Citrus Garden Club. Contact her at 352-341-0954; rmmorris117@tampabay.rr.com.

Nature Coast Anglers host annual award banquet

Special to the Chronicle

Nearly 100 people attended the Nature Coast Anglers Award Banquet held Feb. 25 at the Citrus Hills Country Club.

Awards were given to top Anglers plus a Lifetime Member Award was given to Robert Schaefer for his numerous contributions to the club.

In addition to our special events and tournaments, the Nature Coast Anglers hold 7 p.m. meetings at the Homosassa Moose Lodge the second Monday of each month.

The next meeting will be March 12 with Captain William Toney as the featured speaker.

For information, visit www.naturecoastanglers.com.



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ABOVE: Robert Schaefer receives a special Lifetime Member Award from NCA President, Bear Howe. RIGHT: NCA President Bear Howe congratulates Angler of the Year winners, Judith Ogier, third place; Ted Babcock, second place; and Steven Ogier, first place.



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Citrus County Animal Services ADOPTABLES



Tylie is nice on leash, ignores the barking dogs and gives kisses. She has a fairly steady medium energy level. In general, she explores on her own. She's estimated to be 3 years old and is 47 pounds. Tylie is a Doberman mix. She is spayed, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. No. 37790269.



Meet Moe our little pocket pittie. He sits nicely for treats and comes when called. He absolutely loves the kiddie pool. His favorite activity is carrying around a tennis ball. Moe is 2 years old and 46 pounds. Moe is a Terrier/Pit mix. He is neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. No. 31845813.



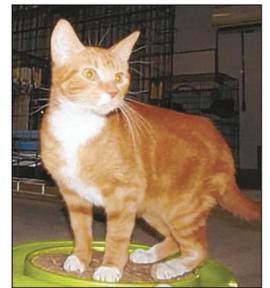
Midnight is one of the nicest dogs at the shelter. He's two years old, and mild mannered. He is leash trained. He bonds extremely quickly with his handler. Midnight is a Terrier/Pit mix. He is neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and vaccinated. No. 35104442.



Fred is a friendly gray tabby with a calm personality. He gets along pretty well with other cats and is very loving. He'll make a nice companion and will be a good choice for a family with some children. No. 37825393.



Precious is a sleek black female. She has a calm personality and gets along well with others. Precious will make a nice family pet, or a great companion for a single or older person. ID No. 37837072



Tina is a sweet orange and white female tabby with the classic "bullseye" pattern in her coat. We know Tina will love a sunny window and a tall cat tree to watch the outside world go by. She likes the Turbo Scratcher and she has a loving personality. No. 37836617.

Citrus County Animal Services, 4030 S. Airport Road, Inverness, behind the fairgrounds. View adoptable pets at citruscritters.com. Call 352-746-8400. Unless otherwise noted, all dogs are spayed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm tested and current on vaccinations.

HUNT

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leashed. All proceeds will benefit the Greener Side Haven Inc. with 100 percent of donations going to help the animals. For information, visit www.thegreener-sidehaven.org.

■ All children in the community, from infants to age 10, are invited to an Easter Eggstravaganza from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church/Precious Lambs Preschool, 6150 N. Lecanto Highway, Beverly Hills.

This free annual event features egg hunts for each specific age group, a story walk, face painting, photo booth, coloring contest, crafts, cupcake decorating, egg toss and lunch. Bring a basket to collect eggs.

Preregister to qualify for a chance to win a prize by going online to www.eventbrite.com.

■ The Beverly Hills Lions Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt for the young children of Beverly Hills, Lecanto and Hernando starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Lions Den, 72 Civic Circle.

There will be three age groups — toddler to 3 years, 4 to 6 years and 7 to 12 years old. All must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be prizes awarded in each age group. Refreshments for the children will be juice and cookies.

For information, contact Tom at 352-897-4899.

Easter weekend

■ Citrus County Parks & Recreation will host an Egg-Streme Glow Hunt and Festival Thursday, March 29, at Bicentennial Park Drive in Crystal River.



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The Egg-Streme Glow Hunt and Festival opens at 5:30 p.m. for those who wish to come early before the hunt. The hunt for children younger than 5 begins at 6 p.m.; ages 6-9 begins at 6:30 p.m.; ages 10 and older beginning at 7 and 7:30 p.m. Registration is \$3 per child ages 3-15 before March 28 or \$5 at the gate. Children younger than age 2 are admitted free.

For information, call 352-794-1478 or visit apm.active-communities.com/citruscountyparks.

■ Bring your friends and family (and your Easter basket) to the Citrus YMCA from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, for a hoppin' good time with an Easter egg hunt, inflatable slides, games and crafts and food trucks.

Get your photo taken with the Easter Bunny. Multiple age groups and hunt times available, so preregister today at ymcasuncoast.org/citrus. Contact the Y for more information at 352-500-9622.

■ There will be food, games, prizes and a 10,000-egg hunt at the Cornerstone Baptist Church Hills Campus

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at 2 Civic Circle Beverly Hills. All are invited to enjoy the Easter weekend at this family fun event. For information, call 352-746-6171.

■ The Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park will host a Spring Egg-stravaganza starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 31, in the field behind the main entrance and Visitor Center of the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

Thousands of plastic eggs will be redeemed for candy. Finders of the gold eggs in each age group will win an age-appropriate prize. Arrive early to meet the Easter Bunny and other costumed characters.

The Wildlife Puppeteers will present a puppet show just after the egg hunt starting at 9:15 a.m. in the Florida Room. There is no charge to attend the egg hunt or puppet play. Regular park admission applies for entrance into the park.

Families are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to We Care Food Pantry.

For information, call Rene Poppe at 352-628-1002 or Susan Strawbridge at 352-628-5445.

■ Take the little ones to hunt for eggs with the West Citrus Elks at their annual Easter Egg Hunt from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd, Homosassa.

This event is open to all children of Citrus County between the ages of 3 and 7. Siblings are welcome. Enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, fries, punch and cookies before the egg hunt begins.

For information, contact the Lodge at 352-503-2010 after 1 p.m.

Gwen Bittner is the community editor for the Citrus County Chronicle. Contact her at gwen.bittner@chronicleonline.com or 352-563-3224. Email event submissions to community@chronicleonline.com.



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CHWC raises scholarship funds at Mahjong Marathon

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A great time was had by all at the Citrus Hills Women's Club's Spring Mahjong Marathon Thursday, March 1, at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club.

Some great Mahjong was played with the top winners: first place — Marcia Schenker with 1,220 points, second place — Diane Collick with 1,100 points, third place — Peg Fowler with 1,070 points, fourth place

— Dotty Forsyth with 920 points, fifth place — Claire Lindley with 900 points. Marge Copley and Nancy Hayden tied for sixth place with 850 points each. Judy Stone and Barbara Protrowski shared seventh and eighth place with 780 points each. A prize was awarded to Chris Harvey for receiving the lowest score of the day. Our thanks to Chairman Carol

Peterman and her committee of, Diane Edwards, Fran Geyer, Cathy Lieberman, Mary Pike, Jackie Huband, Pat Sober and Andrea Strogney who made the day a delight for everyone.

Door prizes were awarded to attendees, and seven lucky ladies went home with beautiful baskets they won by donating to CHWC's scholarship and charities fund adding a contribution of \$909 to the fund.

The Citrus Hills Women's Club is a social and charitable organization established in 1986 for the purpose of making

friends, sharing fun events and providing service to the community.

Membership is open to all women residents of the areas defined as the former or present Villages of Citrus Hills.

The club has a motto of Companionship, Charity and Community.

For membership information, call Claire at 352-527-1574 or Diane at 352-746-6848.

Vera Swade submits publicity for the Citrus Hills Women's Club.

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throughout the event. There is no admission fee.

For those who are not able to attend, donations will be accepted at the clubhouse or by mail. Make checks out to: IR-RU Family Social Club, indicating for Autism Benefit, at 922 U.S. 41 South, Inverness, FL 34450.

For more information, call the club at 352-637-5118.

Ladies' Guild to host Military Card Party

The Ladies' Guild of the Beverly Hills Community Church will host its third annual fundraising Military Card Party Tuesday, April 10, at the Jack Steele Fellowship Hall, 86 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills.

Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch at noon with games to follow. Cost is \$12 per person and includes play, a chance to win one or more silent auction items and a catered lunch.

Menu includes sandwiches, wraps, salads, fruit, chips, beverage and dessert.

Play games for a good cause

The ladies of the Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club invite the community to attend their Bunco Bonanza fundraiser Thursday, April 12, at the Central Ridge Community Center.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games start at 6:30 sharp. Tickets are available now and are \$25 in advance. There will be door prizes, raffles baskets and free refreshments, appetizers and desserts with admission.

The Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club is a tax exempt non-profit organization. All proceeds support their club projects which align with Pilot International and the club focus of brain health and safety and helping those who care for others within Citrus County.

For tickets and information, call Jeanmarie at 352-746-1135. Tickets are available from any Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club member. Make checks payable to the Gulf to Lakes Pilot Club.

Attend annual LWVCC luncheon

The LWVCC will celebrate their 5th anniversary with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 10, in the Windsor Room at the Citrus Hills Country Club, 505 E. Hartford St., Hernando.

The public is invited. Guest speakers will be Sandy Counts, Rhonda Distel and Teddi Rusnak who will recount some of their experiences in running for local offices, inspiring more women to enter the race.

There will be an Italian buffet. Tickets are \$25 per person paid in advance, reservations required. Seating is limited. Reservations close April 2.

For information, call 352-382-0032.

Hats Off to Style & Taste Fashion Show

The Woman's Club of Dunnellon will host its annual fashion show at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the First Baptist Church of Dunnellon, 20831 Powell Road.

This year's theme is "Hats Off to Style & Taste" with fashions provided by Grumbles House Cedar Street Boutique.

Tickets are available for \$20 per person (seating is limited) and includes lunch of apricot chicken, rice pilaf, dessert and beverage. There will be a Chinese auction of baskets and gift certificates from local businesses, 50/25/25 raffle and door prizes. Contact Connie at 612-803-4508 for ticket information.

Proceeds benefit Club's scholarship fund and contributions to local community organizations.

DAVIS

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full-briefs. Do the people in the house wear uniforms or dress shirts which would make them blue collar or white collar workers. Are the labels on the clothes designer labels or do they reflect clothing purchased at a discount store. Are the sheets hanging on the line king size, queen size or regular size. If there are twin size sheets, then there are probably children in the home.

Looking at someone's laundry hanging outside is almost like going through someone's trash. You can tell a lot about people by looking through

their trash.

If anyone looked through my recycle bin they would instantly discover that I am not much of a cook. They will find a lot of prepared food containers. But, I was talking about clothes lines. I digressed.

There are those who like to air their dirty laundry on their clothes lines. This works if the clothes are not really dirty but need a little freshening.

Some people like to air their dirty laundry without hanging it outside. I think you know what I mean.

My favorite clothes line story is about a metal clothes line that stood between two poles in the backyard when I was in fourth grade. The metal

line was where my mother hung her clothes out to dry.

My father owned a Packard agency and my mother worked as his accountant and bookkeeper. When we were not in school, during the summer, my older sister would be the babysitter. I was told to always do what my sister told me or I would be in trouble when my parents got home.

One day, out of boredom or just plain orneriness, my sister decided that we could be like circus performers and try and walk the metal clothes line just like the high wire artists did at the circus. She decided that, since I was the smallest, I should go first. She gave me an umbrella to hold over my head to help keep my balance.

We got a ladder from the garage and propped it against the clothes line pole. I was encouraged to climb the ladder, which I was not too sure about. But climb it I did.

I raised the umbrella, took one step on the metal wire and fell to the ground. Circus performer I was not.

The next thing I remember is waking up in my bed with the doctor and my parents standing over me. Nothing was broken and the doctor deemed me fit, but a little shaken by the incident. However, my parents had a fit to think I would attempt such a feat. I explained that I was told to always do what my sister told me and so I did. At least that was my excuse!

I learned a valuable

lesson that day. Clothes lines are for clothes, and you don't always have to do what your sister tells you to do.

My sister will probably tell you this never happened, but we have decided we must have grown up in different families. Either that, or our memories are different.

You might say I have just aired my dirty laundry. I look on the incident as rather funny since who were we to think we could walk a tight wire? We were kids and kids will be kids. There are no perfect kids and if we look at ourselves honestly we know that we certainly fit into that category.

We have to learn to keep our sense of humor about such things. If we

can't laugh at ourselves, we shouldn't laugh at anyone else.

Today I consider when some people post some things on social media is a lot like airing their dirty laundry on a clothes line. It tells the world a lot about who you really are.

You might say there are some who just let it all hang out.

Thought for the day: There are times when it feels good to use whatever line you choose and air a little laundry.

Georgi Davis, a transplant from Ohio and a retired teacher, is enjoying her second life in Homosassa. Contact her at ritenow69@gmail.com.

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